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No. 12 of 1939

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P. I. TIRBAK,
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L. H. LAWFORD,
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Harbour Master's Office,
Shanghai, December 19, 1939.

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Shanghai, December 16, 1939. 12987

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at No. 213 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong on Tuesday, December 19, 1939, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as a Special Resolution, the following Resolution.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. William Gockson of Shanghai be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such Winding-Up.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. GOCKCHIN
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Shanghai, November 25, 1939.

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19 Opening Permanent Exhibition of Sample Local Industry, 9 French Bund, Office 48
19 A.W.C. X'mas music and plays, 4.45
19 Two Christmas Plays. Public School for Girls, 5.30
19 Int'nal. Branch, Y.W.C.A. Christmas Tea at 'Cedarcrest,' 5.30
19 For. Y. Lecture: 'Modern Physics' by Dr. S. H. Chao
19 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
19 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
19 Artist Club. Hongkew. Eastern Theatre, 'King Oedipus' by Sophocles, Directed by Alfred Dreifuss, 8.30
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19 *Washington Naval Treaty denounced by Japan (1934)*

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20 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
20 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
21 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
21 Bryan Lewis, X.M.H.A., 8
22 Italian Club, Chamber Music Concert, 5.30
23 Children's Christmas Party, Shanghai Engineers' Club. 3.
23 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
23 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
24 Municipal Orchestra, 11th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
24 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
30 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45

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3 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
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4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
5 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
5 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 3
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9 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
10 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Tuesday, December 19, 1939, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1939, declaring a Final Dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 12 to December 19, 1939, both days inclusive.

Shareholders intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters are requested to give notice of such intention at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
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Shanghai, November 29, 1939.

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G. KISHINAMI, *Manager*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor"

The Rice Crisis:

A Suggested Remedy

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—While the recent joint proclamation of the Shanghai Municipal Council and the French Municipal Council has taken psychological effect in easing the acute rice situation and bringing down prices to a certain extent, it nevertheless is merely a negative measure. Hoarders may be compelled to sell and speculators threatened, but the stock of rice in Shanghai is after all limited, and the problem of the supply of this necessary commodity is still unsolved. A further step of constructive nature should, therefore, be taken by the authorities of the two areas in view of the importance of this commodity in connection with the living conditions of the Chinese community, especially wage earners and labourers.

Although it is impossible to undertake a control of rice prices due to the peculiar political situation, Shanghai remains a "free market" and the Municipal Governments are at liberty to enter into competition with the manipulators by importing the staple themselves. The plan to be adopted must, in my opinion, consist of two functions—to acquire the sources of supply through the Governments' own efforts and to encourage imports by rice merchants.

In fulfilling the first function, reduction of cost ought to receive prime consideration. I therefore suggest that the local authorities should:

(1) Apply to the Chinese National Government for exchange at the official rate fixed by the Control Banks for purchase of rice of average quality from Saigon for the consumption of common people.

(2) Make necessary arrangements with the Indo-China Government to acquire the most favourable terms in purchase and every facility for export.

(3) Invite co-operation from local shipping and insurance firms in order to secure reasonably low rates of freight and premium as well as storage.

To carry out the above project, I believe it will not be a difficult task for the authorities to receive support and co-operation from local banks.

The first few lots of rice thus purchased ought to be sold at the lowest possible prices even with a slight loss. By so doing hoarders will have automatically to push out their stocks without being warned of the expulsion from the two areas and confiscation of their goods. The losses, if any, on the part of these hoarders are to be considered as a punishment for their greedy actions.

When the hoardings are exhausted, the prices can then be readjusted allowing a reasonable profit to encourage scrupulous merchants to buy from abroad. In the meantime, the local Governments must of necessity continue to hold a considerable quantity of the staple in hand so as to prevent any future manipulation that may happen in the market.

I am well aware of the fact that there is a deficiency that runs into several millions of dollars in the municipal budget for the current fiscal year. But the losses that may be sustained by the Municipal Governments in executing the above project can be considered as a price for the preservation of peace and order.

J. D. CHEN.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Poinsettias and Ferns:

Enquiry Answered

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—After almost a week, I note the enquiries of E.L.P. go unanswered.

The chief reason why the leaves of poinsettias drop off is that they are grown under very mild, if not actually cold, temperature. A sudden change in this, brought about by their being placed in very warmly heated rooms, causes the leaves to dry at their stems. A similar case may be seen in both potted and cut chrysanthemums when put in coal-heated houses. In this case, the leaves being hardier, do not drop off, but simply crumple and dry, on the stalks; the flowers, as with poinsettias, still remaining fairly fresh and alive. Another and more common reason is that poinsettias are usually much taller plants than they appear to be when offered by florists, being twisted and wound around to make the desired height. While this may be all very well from the look-see point of view, it is a torture to the plant, causing the leaves to drop. Naturally short poinsettias on the other hand, from my own experience, have never shed their leaves, if given a sufficient quantity of light and kept a good distance away from radiators.

With regard to maidenhair ferns, there is no reason why they should not thrive in a living room, provided there is sufficient light and dampness in the atmosphere. The plant should be washed with a spray at least once a week, and given a teaspoonful of castor oil every three weeks. This serves as a good fertilizer.

AMATEUR GARDENER.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Australian Radio:

Broadcast for Far East

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As has been already reported by Reuters, the Australian Broadcasting Commission will initiate, on Thursday, December 21, a daily short-wave world programme which will be broadcast from Station VLR3 on a wave-length of 25.25 metres (11.880 megacycles). The time will be from 9.30 to 10 a.m. Eastern Australian standard time, which is 7.30 to 8 a.m. Shanghai time, and the principal talk will be at 9.45 a.m., which is 7.45 a.m. Shanghai time. The transmission will be directed at the Far East, and the service will be formally inaugurated with a speech by Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister.

On behalf of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, I should greatly appreciate any co-operation that you may see your way to give to this broadcast.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission would also be glad to receive, through me, reports on their broadcasts, both at the inception and subsequently, together with any constructive criticism.

I would, for instance, be interested to receive any comments on the suitability of the time selected. I am informed that this time has been chosen on the advice of experts, who considered that in the evenings people in the Far East would prefer to listen to local broadcasts; but I am inclined to question the correctness of this view and doubt if many people will be disposed to listen in as early as 7.30 a.m.

V. G. BOWDEN.
Australian Government Trade Commissioner in China.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Local Music:

Shanghai Composers

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—All musically interested people will perfectly agree with your correspondent LISTENER and his statement made in the edition of December 15, that often a community is inclined to underestimate the value of its "home products."

In any case, for one reason or other, both local composers, Messrs. Avshalamoff and Singer are well known and appreciated in Shanghai musical circles and quite a few concert-goers learned with pleasure and sympathy about the successes of these gentlemen, their works having been accepted for public performance in the United States.

But I would like to mention that there is another music scientist and composer in Shanghai whose books and other publications have been accepted all over Europe and the United States with greatest appreciation and enthusiasm, whose lecture tours throughout the American continent met with the greatest success and who is considered as being quite an extraordinary expert on eastern music—but his name is almost unknown to the local public. I am speaking about Mr. John H. Levis, an old Shanghailander who has lived here for more than 25 years and who completed here, in our midst, the main part of his works and publications.

When he, a few days ago, held a lecture on classical and refined old Chinese music and its contribution to Western culture in the Foreign Y.M.C.A., which should be considered as an outstanding event not only in the musical life of Shanghai, for the first time two of the numerous Shanghai papers, among them the "N.C.D.N.," thought it worthwhile to recognize his endeavours by writing a detailed review on the subject.

It is just the reverse than in the case of Messrs. Avshalamoff and Singer, where the public was pleased to hear about their first successes in the United States, whilst in the case of Levis, who is celebrated in scientific circles in Europe and U.S.A. for the past few years as one of the finest brains and experts on eastern music, only a very few persons in Shanghai know something about the man and his work.

Levis received very pleasant and encouraging letters from Dr. Leopold Stokowski and other famous and important musicians or scientists congratulating him on his work and successes, but the Shanghai public did not take any notice, the Public Library has not even got any of his important publications, and the Shanghai press has kept shamefully silent about the man, apparently waiting for his passing away, which would then be an excellent opportunity for the first recognition to be given in the obituary notices, thus preparing the necessary posthumous fame.

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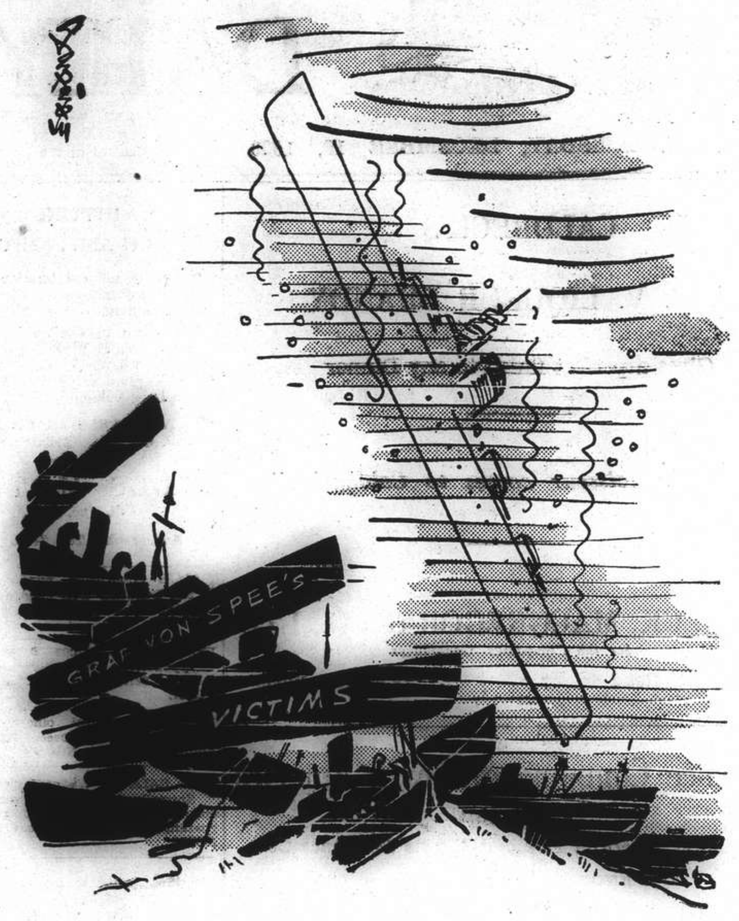
Shanghai, Dec. 18.



BY SAPAJOU

They Meet Again

B.W.A. War Work:

Cinema Show Thanks

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those who helped to make a success of the cinema performance, given at the Country Club, in aid of the B.W.A. War Work Fund, on December 14.

To the Chairman and Committee of the Country Club, who placed part of the Club premises at our disposal, and to the Secretary, Mr. Wheen, for his indefatigable assistance; to the Trade Commissioners of Australia, Canada and S. Africa, for the loan of their films; to Mr. McNicoll, who lent the fireproof booth; to the Auto Palace, Captain St. Louis, and to the Western Electric Co. of China, for batteries; to Mr. Healey, of Radio Station X.M.H.A., who supplied the records for incidental music; to the Radio Corporation of Asia, for turn-tables; to Messrs. Moutrie, who arranged bookings free of charge; and to those anonymous friends who donated the posters and tickets. We are also indebted to Mrs. Kitson for the fudge which was sold during the evening, and to the Masonic Lodge, for the loan of the chairs; to the "North-China Daily News," who inserted our notices free of charge, and, above all, to Mr. Cecil Ezra, and Mr. Hubert, the men behind the projectors, who so generously gave, not only their machines, but their time and services, and were mainly instrumental in making a success of the evening.

LAURA MAZE.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

Co-operation of Tanks With Infantry

Types and Their Uses; Tanks and Aircraft

To what extent the amoured fighting vehicle should work in close co-operation with the infantry in battle has been the subject of much debate in recent years. It is well-known that today there exists a difference beween French and German doctrine in this respect, says a military correspondent of "The Times." Other things being equal, the Germans give their armoured fighting vehicles wider scope and more freedom of action than do the French.

In our own Army there has been in the past some divergence of views. Today the organization of these weapons is broadly speaking as follows. At one end of the scale comes the light tank regiment, which is the inheritor of the role of divisional or corps cavalry. Equipped with light tanks and light machine-gun carriers, its main duties are reconnaissance and protection. It works in closest co-operation with the infantry and is particularly valuable for covering the movement of motorized troops.

Next comes the infantry tank, heavily amoured and slower, essentially an offensive weapon. It is designed to aid the infantry to reach its objectives by breaking down the opposition of strong points and smashing obstacles, to carry out counter-attacks and to engage hostile tanks. The above description suffices to show that it also is closely bound to the infantry.

Finally there is the amoured division, the heir of the old cavalry division and independent of the infantry. Its main duties are penetration or counter-attack, and above all to exploit initial success by means of its power and speed. It is also valuable for covering withdrawals.

Co-operation in Theory

Co-operation between tanks and aircraft is nothing new in theory, but the practical use made of it by the enemy in Poland has emphasized its possibilities, and it is now being assiduously practised. There is, however, good reason to believe that in other respects the German armoured fighting vehicles are inadequate. Designed above all for lightness and speed with a war of movement in view, they are considered unsuitable for attack on defences such as those of the Maginot line. Heavier models exist, but it is doubtful whether they are yet being produced in considerable numbers.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 19, 1869

A correspondent signing himself frozen out writes to the "N.C.D.N." as follows: Might not the energetic trustees of Trinity Church take some measures to see that the building is properly warmed. I do not of course expect them to buy two stoves as the A.D.C. committee did, all on their own responsibility, but they might appoint a sub-committee, to elect a member with special powers to superintend the shutting of the door, and the lighting of the fires.

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THE BOOK PAGE

A Peculiar People

THE BRITISH AT HOME By Pont of "Punch." With an appreciation by T. H. White. Collins, London. 5/-.

For those who do not bind their "Punch" or perhaps only see it at the Club, here is a book that will provide joy of a special kind. Pont portrays the miseries of the British in a way that would puzzle, let us say, Dr. Goebbels. We can see ourselves as we are. Peculiar thanks are due to Mr. T. H. White who in his appreciation of this distinguished artist opens the eyes of those who only half see (if, indeed, there can be any Pont fans who do not go over his work with, as it were, a microscope) to the Hogarthian beauties of his drawings:

....You must be ready to turn the picture upside down in order to read the name of a book on the floor, or to examine the subjects of all the pictures on the walls: you must notice the ornaments in the room....

Pont, says Mr. White, is

An industrious man of regular habits, who locks himself up every day to draw, this great *Punch* artist never finishes a picture in less than a day—and the actual drawing takes a day, exclusive of working up the idea and the preliminary sketches.

The Inmost Soul

Let us stand for a moment round our guide to this national gallery:

Look, for example, at the family group on page nineteen. The Country Folk are evidently posing for a photograph in the *Tatler*. But who are they, and what sort of person would each be to meet? My belief is that the pater-familias is going to be a governor-general—hence the photograph for the *Tatler*—and that he will be a good one. He does not understand very much, dear fellow, for he has had a sound classical education at Harrow (yes, Harrow; you would have thought Eton, but look at the tie) and his family mottoes show the extent of his learning. They are *Mensa, Mensa, Mensam* and *Palam, Clam, Cum Ex and E.* No doubt he is interested in pigs or roses. His eldest son in the riding boots is at Oxford, and he does not understand very much about things either, for he has inherited his father's eyes. I doubt if he is even good at polo.....

There are seven in this country house group, and by means of careful analysis of their characteristics Mr. White leads the student to a closer understanding of the inner meaning of the portraits—or in other words, what the artist is trying to get at.

Pont does not consider himself a comic artist; he says, "I try very hard to draw people exactly as they are." For this reason he holds up a faithful mirror to the British race—they are not really funny, not if you understand them properly. And so for better international understanding comes this Christmastide "The British At Home." Mr. White calls it "an occult book"—and we may agree that the subject is beyond the range of ordinary knowledge—D.P.

Down to the Seas

THE SEAFARER Journal of the Seafarers' Education Service. October-December. Selwyn House, Endsleigh Street, London, W.C.1. 6d.

This is the first war number of "The Seafarer," the journal of the Seafarers' Education Service, and the editorial article "Setting Our Course" opens thus:

Those whose business is in great waters will not fail Britain in the days which lie before her. The word "fail" is unthinkable. We use it only to point a contrast. They will support and sustain all our people at home and throughout the world.

and goes on to point out that we, who are landsmen, can cheer them and aid them in ways manifold. On the day that war was certain the Seafarers' Education Service entered into an "offensive and defensive alliance" with a great sister institution—the British Ship Adoption Society—which at the outset, whilst serving anywhere it can, will mainly serve ships sailing from the ports of South Wales. The ordinary regularized work of both the Seafarers' Education Service and the Ship Adoption Society will go on as completely, if possible, as in peace time. The work on mine-sweepers, trawlers, ships of the Mercantile Marine and of the Navy which they have not hitherto served, will be additional to it. "No ship without books" must be the motto.

The Hopeful Boy

"In Time of War," by C. Ernest Fayle, is an instalment of the "What It Was Like" series, and takes war, as it has affected British shipping, from mediæval days to the present. "Science and Agriculture and a Grand Old Farm" is by Sir E. John Russell, Director of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden. Bernard Francis Dwyer, s.s. Philipp M., is the first prize winner in the Essay Competition for Ships' Boys, 1938. His letter gives a good idea of the hardships of life at sea even in peace time, and there is pathos in his hopeful suggestions for something in the way of recreation:

....These would all take a little organizing, but there would be no shortage of volunteers. It seems to me a pity that the seaman's welfare is rather neglected at sea. It seems a great opportunity to do things with such long periods at sea.

Then there is a description of a three-month voyage by Apprentice William Posgate, m.v. San Arcadio, the joint winner of the Harold Wright Memorial Essay Competition, 1938. "Health and Pensions Insurance for Sailors" is by Leonard Bowden (by kind permission of the B.B.C. and "The Seaman"). W. J. Lewis, Lighthouse-keeper, Port Stanley, concludes his series of articles on "Sea-birds of the Falkland Islands." The famous port dealt with this quarter is Manchester, described from its earliest days by Captain Colin Nicholson, R.D., R.N.R. "The Romantic Story of Tea: From the predominance of China Tea to that of India," by J. Gordon Peirson, will interest China readers.

"No Weak Spot"

Book reviews in "The Seafarer" are always worth reading, among the reviewers being C. Fox Smith, J. A. Williamson, G. H. Hurford and others whose opinions are of weight in matters of the sea.

In order to allay any anxiety that the students of the College of the Sea may feel as to the safety of their pastors and masters in London, it may be noted from the Organizing Secretary's Page that

....We have one of the soundest basements protected under the skilled advice of the local Air Raid Warden, and so far as we can see there is no weak spot in our defences!

And so the Seafarers' Education Service is firmly set to carry on its good work through all the chances of war:

Straight ahead, then, we are set in our course, ready to do all we can for our ships; may they come peacefully to their desired havens and go safely on their courses in the Seas of all the World.

It is up to the landsmen of the Empire to see that any help that is needed, "in ways manifold," is given with a ready hand.

Penguin Specials

Two of the latest Penguin Specials are "Light on Moscow" and "The Suez Canal." The first is by D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., who represents North Hammersmith in the Labour interest and is also Chairman of the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R. He was President of the Reichstag Fire Enquiry held in London in September 1933; a year before he visited the U.S.S.R. and in 1936 attended the Moscow Trials. The second book is written by Hugh J. Schonfield, who has travelled widely in Egypt and Palestine and is the author of biographies of Sir Richard Burton and Ferdinand de Lesseps. The book is illustrated by a collection of interesting photographs.

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"The Good Soldier Schweik," by Jaroslav Hasek (Penguin Books Ld, Harmondsworth. 6d), is a Czech novel translated into English by Paul Selver, and has a number of illustrations by Joseph Lada. It is described as a humorous work and it has apparently been translated into nearly every European language and, if we are to believe the dust-cover, achieved great success everywhere. Readers must judge for themselves whether this book really merits the encomiums showered upon it. Ideas of humour vary a great deal, and particularly the ideas of people of different nationalities. For example, it is sometimes a bit difficult for an Englishman to appreciate some types of American humour, and I believe "Punch," England's leading humorist, is not thought very funny in the U.S.A. Humour also is apt, more than most things, to suffer from translation, and whilst to a Czech this book may be the funniest thing going and make him shake with paroxysms of laughter, it does not follow that people of other nationalities will feel the same. It is more likely that continentals will find it amusing than British or Americans. The story centres round a common little dog fancier from Prague, who joins up. He has many adventures in different capacities in the army, where he commits all sorts of absurdities, and it is an account of these adventures which comprises this book. The type of humour, however, is somewhat on the common side and will not appeal to everyone.—R.F.C.M.

New Fiction

A pair of slick crooks in a wild western town have Jim Marvin elected marshal, believing that he will foster their ends, but they in turn find themselves outside the pale—this is the background in part at least for Kirk Deeming's **"Colt Lightnin'"** (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition 3/6). The author has put life into this drama of the open spaces, and it is one of the best of its type to have come to the attention of the reviewer. Some romance creeps into the plot and forms a leavening for the major actions, such as gun-fighting and intrigues. Jim Marvin's partner is in love with the heroine and thinks that she reciprocates his feelings, which, of course, she does not. Forming a part of the sub-plot is the estrangement of the comrades, not over the woman, but over the murder of their pal. Marvin wants to bring about the assassins' arrest lawfully, but the other swears that he will wreak individual vengeance on each of the five murderers. This he does, and finds himself opposed to the forces of law and order. How justice eventually is done forms the thrilling climax.—F.L.T.

Books Received

China Fights for the World J. Gunnar Andersson (Kegan Paul, London. 12/6) **The British At Home** Pont of "Punch" (Collins, London. 5/-) **The Foundation of British Patriotism** E. Wingfield-Stratford (Routledge, London. 10/6) **Czechs Against Germans** P. Paneth (Nicholson & Watson, London, 8/6) **The Cobbett of the West** R. S. Lambert (Nicholson & Watson, London 10/6) **Red Horizons** G. Digby (Collins, London, 12/6) **One Day Telleth Another** S. A. Ionides and M. L. Ionides (Edward Arnold, London. 10/6) **Savoury Snacks** A. Heath (Nicholson & Watson, London. 2/6) **British Diplomacy in China** E. V. G. Kiernan (Cambridge University Press. 16/-)

Fiction

Watch for the Dawn S. Cloete (Collins, London. 8/6) **What Immortal Hand** J. Curtis (Nicholson & Watson, London. 7/6) **No Arms no Armour** R. D. Q. Henriques (Nicholson & Watson, London. 8/6) **Revel's Wife** A. R. & R. K. Weekes (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Touch and Go** E. C. Vivian (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **From Father to Son** P. Trent (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **The Missing Grave** M. Dalman (Ward Lock, London. 3/6)

Anger is the only passion which sometimes possesses a whole state. No entire people ever fell madly in love with a woman, nor did any nation ever set its affections altogether upon gain and profit. Ambition attacks single individuals; ungovernable rage is the only passion that affects nations. People often fly into a passion by troops; men and women, old men and boys, princes and populace all act alike, and the whole multitude, after being excited by a very few words, outdoes even its exciter; men betake themselves straightway to fire and sword, and proclaim a war against their neighbours or wage one against their countrymen.—SENECA.

Oriental Rites in Churches

Broadcast Talk Given by Rev. F. Wilcock, S.J. On Sunday in the Catholic Hour Series

AN Oriental priest congratulated Pius XI just after his election to the Papacy. In reply the Holy Father said that the chief work of his pontificate would be to prepare the reunion of the Eastern Churches with the Catholic Church. The chief means he used towards that end, was to aim at breaking down the barriers of the ignorance and prejudice which during so many centuries have grown up between Eastern and Western Christianity. In order to break down the obstacle of ignorance, Pius XI founded schools for Oriental studies, ordered all candidates for the Catholic Priesthood to pass a course of Oriental Theology and he made the big Religious Orders of the Church prepare specialists in Oriental questions.

Christianity is roughly divided into three large groups: the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, and the various Protestant and other Churches. For nearly a thousand years after the death of Christ there were no such divisions; there was just the one Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. In the eleventh century most of the Eastern members split away from the centre of unity in Rome and formed what we usually call the Orthodox Church. From the fifteenth century onwards appeared the other groups.

Question of Authority

As regards matters of faith, or in other words things which members of the Church are obliged to believe, between Catholics and Orthodox there is only one important difference: they disagree as regards the authority gave to St. Peter and his successors. The Protestant groups also reject the authority of the Pope, but in most cases they disagree with both Catholics and Orthodox as regards Mass, the Sacraments, the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a great number of other points of belief. Thus from a Catholic's point of view, the Orthodox are a thousand times nearer to him than Protestants, in matters of faith. As I have just mentioned, the Orthodox have Holy Mass and the Sacraments the same as Catholics, but since the Orthodox Church is formed exclusively from Eastern Christians who split away from the Catholic Church in the eleventh century, their ceremonies for Mass and the Sacraments are performed in the traditional Eastern ways and in Eastern languages. The Catholic Church, i.e., those Christians who remained faithful in their obedience to the Pope consisted chiefly of western Christians who used Latin for their liturgy. As it is, however, out of the 360 millions of Catholics in the world only eight and one-half millions do not use the Latin Rite. Should those who broke away come back again to the Church, that eight and one-half millions of Catholics of the Eastern Rites would increase at once to something like 200 millions.

Eastern Rites

These Eastern Rites are no recent innovation in the Catholic Church, but they have existed in it right from the beginning. They have always been protected and helped by the Popes, who consider them on an equality with the Roman rites and customs. As Pius XI puts it: "The Church of Jesus Christ is not Latin, not Greek, not Slavonic, but Catholic."

When Christ Our Lord founded the Church and sent His Apostles into the world to teach all nations, He gave them a clear doctrine they must preach, clear truths about His Heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit and Himself and other divine teaching. He ordered them to baptize, forgive sins, change bread and wine into His Body and Blood and administer the other Sacraments. But He left the Church free as to the manner of doing this, what prayers to use, in what language, and other secondary details, since these would vary according to the needs in different places.

Liturgical Forms

The different liturgical forms or rites naturally tended to develop themselves according to the character and psychology of the people who used them. The type of prayer and ceremony which please the practical-minded Roman, made less appeal to the speculative Greek, and vice versa. As these prayers and ceremonies in no way touch the essentials of the Sacraments, in the days before liturgical forms were fixed, each people was entitled to express itself in the way it liked best. That is why the Greek Rite is beautifully adapted to the character of the Greeks, and the Latin Rite to that of the west.

Hence, it is quite clear that a Christian with Eastern blood in his veins will usually find it easier to pray in a church of an Eastern Rite than in a Western one. In this way it came about that, though for the first nine hundred years after Christ all Christianity was one in Faith, the ceremonial varied in different parts of the world. All the Bishops of the one Church, successors of the Apostles of Christ were united, and all looked to St. Peter's successor to confirm his brethren, when guidance was required. In ordinary times, the Pope's activity was confined to his more immediate work, as Bishop of Rome or Patriarch of the West. Only when questions concerning the good of the Universal Church came up did he intervene in the East, with his supreme authority of Pope. It was only when some great heresy or scandal or abuse occurred in the East, such as that in 858 and 1054, that he intervened. One of the lamentable results that followed was the great schism of East and West when the Church of Constantinople separated from Rome

Greek Church

The great Church of Constantinople was not and never has been excommunicated by the Popes, who accused her of no heresy, but she separated from Rome, and the other Oriental Patriarchates who were dependent on Constantinople, followed her lead. Russia at that time was also dependent on the Greeks in Church matters. Her first missionaries were from Greece, and these introduced the Greek rite into Russia. Sts. Cyril and Methodius translated this Greek rite into the language of the country and so ever since that time Russia uses the Greek ceremonies in the ancient Slavonic language. These are the same ceremonies as now used in the Russian Catholic Church on Rue Bourgeat, Shanghai. The first Bishops of Russia were also Greeks, and when Constantinople separated from Rome these Bishops naturally followed that lead and dragged the whole of Russian Christianity with them. So it was that Russia became part of what is generally known as the Orthodox Church. The Faith and the Rites of the Orthodox Eastern Church during the 900 years since she separated from Rome have remained practically the same, so that now between Catholic and Orthodox the during the 900 years since she spiritual allegiance to the Pope.

Unity of the Church

The schism of the East left the Church with few members who practised the Eastern rites, but as I mentioned before, there were always some. Gradually during the centuries their number has been increased by individuals and groups of Orthodox who have returned to the unity of the Church; as they did so the Popes insisted they should retain their Eastern rites and discipline unchanged. This is the origin of those 8,500,000 Catholics who now use the Eastern rites. The fact that in the Catholic Church there are these 8,500,000 representatives of all the Oriental rites is in itself one sign that She is the true Church of Christ.

Our Blessed Lord often insisted on the unity of His Church. The greatest kind of unity is there where a great variety is united perfectly together. The variety of the Catholic Church is so wonderful because of her unity, and the unity of the Church is so wonderful because of her variety. It should be the earnest prayer of every Catholic that this variety may soon be enhanced by the reunion of the millions of Orthodox Christians to the Church.

12 Britons Bring Ship Home

Mutinous Crew Controlled By Handful; German Oil Also Brought Home

Twelve Britons, holiday-makers and business men stranded in Bergen, Norway, with three revolvers between them and a length of gas-piping each, helped to bring safely to a British port a ship with a mutinous crew—and 5,000 tons of oil destined for Germany, states the "Daily Express."

A reporter writes: "I heard the full story from one of the Britons, forty-nine-year-old Mr. Joseph R. Slater, of St. Ronan's-road, Harrogate." He said:—"The British consul at Bergen told me that most of the crew of the 3,471-ton Helka, a British ship then on foreign charter, were mutinous and wanted to stay in a safe neutral port.

"He asked me to raise a party of eleven men to take the ship to a British port. There were many Englishmen waiting for a ship home, and the men picked included a medical student, a golf pro., a surveyor and a shipping agent.

"We signed on as members of the crew and introduced ourselves to the master of the ship, as Latvian. The only Englishman in the original crew was the radio operator. He was not one of the mutineers. He had received a message diverting the ship from Memel, a German port, to Stavanger, in Norway.

"Four of our party went to the stokehold and the rest took charge of the deck and bridge. Soon after sailing, six of the crew came aft. They had knives, and started shouting, demanding that we should put back into port.

"When they became threatening we showed them our three revolvers and grasped our lengths of gas-piping. We had to work in shifts in the stokehold to keep steam up. Some of us acted as firemen, others as trimmers, as we steamed across the North Sea to Methil, the Fifeshire coal port.

"The naval authorities were delighted to receive an unexpected cargo of 5,000 tons of oil which would have gone to Germany. Our discharge papers as members of the Helka's crew are mementoes of an adventurous voyage."

This Should Keep Even Rip Van Winkle Awake

One of Many Inventions From The War

Already the war has produced some strange inventions. Among them is a device to keep you awake, writes the "Evening Standard" reporter.

It is attached to the eyelid, and is connected by wires to a battery carried in the pocket. Should the eye close, the circuit is made and an alarm is sounded.

This invention, it is claimed, will prevent car-drivers, sentries, or airmen from falling asleep. Another invention is a method of illuminating maps and notebooks in the dark, leaving them invisible to anyone in the air.

A portable raft is another invention just patented. This is equipped with a detachable seat and hinged rowlocks for oars, and is described as "suitable for taking on a sea voyage in these days of the submarine menace."

Bishop of London offers To Fight at 81

Eighty-one-year-old Dr. Winnington-Ingram, former Bishop of London, has offered to go to the front again, under fire, as he did in the last war, writes the "Daily Sketch."

He disclosed this in a sermon at Fulham Parish Church, "lest it be said that we old men just send the young men to die." "The issue is even more clearly defined this time than last," said the Bishop. "It is a fight between the spirit of Christ and the spirit of Anti-Christ."

Dealing with Britain's decision to fight, he said: "We might, at any rate for a time, have bought an ignoble peace by saying that Poland was no concern of ours. That is what we were invited to do."

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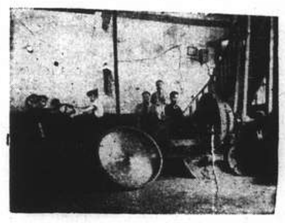

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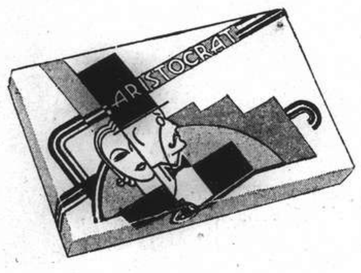

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Holiday Football Matches

Imposing Programme of 49 Fixtures Arranged; Engineers' Cup Charity Game Big Attraction

AN imposing programme of 49 matches have been arranged to take place during the Christmas and New Year holidays, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Shanghai Football Association. The fixtures start on December 23 and continue to January 2, 1940.

The biggest attraction is undoubtedly the annual Marine Engineers' Cup charity game between selected foreign and Chinese teams to be played on Boxing Day at the Canidrome. Both sides have picked strong elevens and the contest will not be less interesting than the previous charity tussle played on November 13 which attracted 17,000 spectators.

All the teams in the senior league except P.T.H. are involved in this great clash. Each one of them has at least one man represented. On the foreign XI the Seaforths and Surreys have three players each. The A.S.F. furnishes two while the Rees, Lusitano and S.F.X. each possess one delegate. For the Chinese, Lido put up six and Tung Hwa five.

The following are the line-ups:—

FOREIGN XI:—W. Ward (Police), Sgt. Campbell (Seaforths), Cpl. W. Harrison (Surreys), J. Ward (A.S.F.), A. S. da Costa (Lusitano), A. Symons (S.R.C.), L/C. A. Parr (Surreys), Bdms. H. McClarty (Surreys), V. Roboostoff (A.S.F.), Pte. H. Fraser (Seaforths), Pte. R. Thomson (Seaforths). Reserves: E. Victal (Police), Pte. A. Paget (Surreys), Pte. J. Kinsella (Surreys), F. Foyn (S.F.X.).

CHINESE XI:—P. K. Zing (Tung Hwa), Eugene Chong (Tung Hwa), N. Z. Lee (Lido), Z. Z. Tsaing (Lido), N. L. Meng (Lido), H. K. Chen (Tung Hwa), Y. L. Chia (Tung Hwa), V. K. Hyui (Lido), L. K. Tai (Tung Hwa), K. S. Suen (Lido), C. T. Tsao (Lido).

International Cup Matches

Next in importance is the opening of the international Cup competition scheduled to begin this week-end with four matches. Three will be played off this Saturday on the Race Course and the meeting between Scotland and Palestine is considered as the main attraction. Sunday morning China play Russia at the Canidrome. The other two tussles will be Portugal, holders of the title, versus France, and England versus Italy both on Saturday afternoon.

The most vital game in the first round of the First Division will take place on January 2, 1940, when Lido, the only unbeaten team at present tackle the Seaforths, defending champions, at the Canidrome.

Following is the complete list of 49 games:—

SATURDAY

International Cup 1st Round.—Scotland v. Palestine, R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.; Portugal v. France, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; Italy v. England, S.R.C., 2.30 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—U.T.P. v. Oarsmen, Aurora, 2 p.m.; 3 Cults. v. Russ. Regt., Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

3rd division.—Xaverians v. Aurora, Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.; Judeans v. R.A.M.C., R.G., 5, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

International Cup 1st Round.—Russia v. China, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.

Reserve Cup 2nd Round.—Seaforths v. P.T.H., R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.; Surreys v. S.F.X., R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; S.R.C. v. A.S.F., R.G. 5, 2.30 p.m.; Lido v. Tung Hwa, Kiaochow, 1 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—Maccabi v. Wha Lien, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

1st division.—S.R.C. v. Seaforths, S.R.C., 3 p.m.

2nd division.—Row. Club v. Area Details, Kiaochow, 8 a.m.

MONDAY

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—French Forces v. Italian Navy, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; Parks v. J.R.C., Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

1st division.—Lusitano v. S.M.P., R.G. 1, 3 p.m.

3rd division.—Russ. Club v. Hotspurs, R.G. 5, 3 p.m.; Betar v. 3 Cults. Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Marine Engineers' Charity Cup Match.—Selected Foreign XI v. Selected Chinese XI, Canidrome, 3 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—Sokol v. R.A.M.C., R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.; Judeans v. Area Details, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; Chin Hwa v. Xaverians, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

3rd division.—Carsmen v. Tung Wen, Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.; Maccabi v. Old. West., R.G. 5, 3 p.m.

New Year Week-end Matches

DECEMBER 30

1st division.—Surreys v. Lusitano, R.G. 1; A.S.F. v. S.F.X., R.G. 2.

2nd division.—Row. Club v. Parks, Kiaochow, 3.10 p.m.; Ching Hwa v. U.T.P., Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.

3rd division.—R.A.M.C. v. Xaverians, R.G. 5; Hotspurs v. Judeans, S.R.C.; Aurora v. Oarsmen, Aurora, 2 p.m.

DECEMBER 31

1st division.—S.M.P. v. Tung Hwa, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.; P.T.H. v. S.R.C., R.G. 2.

Reserve division.—Seaforths v. Tung Hwa, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

2nd division.—J.A.C. v. J.R.C., R.G. 1; French Forces v. Sokol, R.G. 5.

3rd division.—Betar v. Maccabi, S.R.C.; Tung Wen v. 3 Cults., Kiaochow, 1.45 p.m.

JANUARY 1

Reserve division.—S.F.X. v. S.M.P., R.G. 1; Lusitano v. A.S.F., R.G. 2; S.R.C. v. Lido, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

JANUARY 2

1st division.—Lido v. Seaforths, Canidrome, 3 p.m.; P.T.H. v. Lusitano, R.G. 1; A.S.F. v. S.R.C., R.G. 2.

2nd division.—Area Details v. Russ. Regt., R.G. 5.

3rd division.—Old. West. v. Russ. Club, Kiaochow, 1.45 p.m.; Aurora v. Tung Wen, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

Penalties Imposed

The following decisions have been handed down by the League Management Committee: for nitches ended December 10:—

M. Greenberg (S.F.X.) cautioned
R. Pecquer (A.S.F.) cautioned
N. L. Meng (Lido) strong caution
Z. Z. Tsiang (Lido) caution
Z. S. Su (T.H.) strong caution
Friday (Surreys) cautioned
Borras (Fr. Forces) cautioned
Golkin (Sokol) cautioned.

"A" Company Camp Big Success

Presentation Made to Arthur Seaborn Upon Retirement from Unit

"A" Company S.V.C. Mih-Ho-Loong" Rifles held their Annual Camp over the week end December 16 and 17. Being favoured with excellent weather full use of the Rifle Range was made on both days.

On Saturday evening after dinner, to which nearly 70 members of the Company and their friends sat down, a presentation of a Silver Salver suitably engraved was made to Arthur Seaborn on his retirement from the Company after 15 years continuous and active service.

Capt. Gambling when making the presentation on behalf of the Company referred to the most keen and loyal service that Seaborn had rendered with his especial flair for musketry, being one of the Company's "shots."

Sgt. Seaborn in thanking the Company touched on many of the more humourous incidents which he had experienced with the Company and was given prolonged applause with musical honours.

"Bill" Davies of "Old Kent Road" fame gave an even better than usual rendering of his "pre-(war)-historic" songs followed by Sergt. Ambrose who was also in excellent vein and by a number of members of the Company who have apparently the gift of entertaining their friends.

On Sunday morning the Company fired their Annual Musketry Meeting when Sgt. A. Green made a very welcome return to form being high gun with a total of 140 out of a possible 160, thereby winning for the first time the "Mih-Ho-Loong" Cup a trophy which has been in the Company's possession since 1864.

Sgt. Green also won the "X.S." Cup, Hodges Cup, and Wilheycla Shield.

Other trophy winners were:—

Novices Cup:—Pte. B. R. Brown.
Shorrock Cup:—Pte. A. P. D. Kennedy.
Old Captain's Prize:—Pte. G. S. Pratt.
Swiss Cup:—Pte. W. J. Cole.
Monk Trophy:—Pte. W. J. Cole.

A most successful Camp concluded with a very useful tactical exercise carried out at the Rifle Range and after Col. J. W. Hornby had congratulated the members of the Company on their keeness and good turn out the Company was dismissed at 4.30 p.m. most of the volunteers dispersing to a well earned rest after a strenuous, useful and interesting week end."

Ladies Inter-Club Duck Pins

Foreign "Y" Keep Lead in North Section

Taking all three games from the Marine Ladies, the Women's Sport Section of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. kept the lead in the North Section of the Ladies Inter-Club Duck Pins League yesterday afternoon at the Columbia Country Club.

The Marine Ladies made a good try in the third string and nearly beat the "Y" bowlers as the margin in that game was fairly close. Mrs. Collaco starred for the winners with a fine triple of 314. She was seen in consistent form, gaining a respective score of 109, 103, 102. Mrs. Malleck was not in her usual form, playing erratically to tally 277 pins.

In another match in the same division the American Club "Deuces," while playing hosts to the C.C.C. "Reds," emerged victors by the odd game in three.

Led by Mrs. Borune, who chalked up the best score yesterday with a triple of 326, the C.C.C. "Greens" continued to dominate in the South Section by defeating the "Y" Boots by a 3-0 score. The losers were outclassed in every string.

The match between the Race Club and the American Club "Aces" has been postponed to tomorrow.

Yesterday's Results

Following were yesterday's results:

North Section

A. C. "Deuces"

Miss Brown	102	89	91	282
Mrs. Lamneck	80	77	86	243
Mrs. Robinson	94	83	70	247
Mrs. Smith	83	84	81	248
Miss Hykes	89	82	88	259
	448	415	416	1,279

C.C.C. "Reds"

Mrs. Schuster	98	92	96	286
Mrs. Kops	84	79	89	252
Mrs. Shean	86	81	87	254
Mrs. Jackson	—	—	—	260
Mrs. Bristow	92	79	78	249
	440	411	436	1,281

"Y" "W.S.S."

Mrs. Zee	102	80	87	269
Mrs. Harvey	87	93	73	252
Mrs. Collaco	109	103	102	314
Mrs. Gobel	110	86	98	294
Mrs. Malleck	79	103	95	277
	487	465	455	1,407

Marine Ladies

Mrs. Johnston	90	81	82	253
Mrs. Homel	83	72	66	211
Mrs. Fraser	58	78	75	211
Mrs. Kuhn	83	100	95	273
Mrs. Nelson	84	72	87	243
	398	403	440	1,175

South Section

C.C.C. "Greens"

Mrs. Bourne	112	113	101	326
Mrs. Laidlaw	99	93	82	274
Mrs. Vines	89	83	87	259
Mrs. Cardwell	88	104	95	287
Mrs. McIntyre	104	85	92	281
	492	478	457	1,427

"Y" "Boots"

Mrs. Tate	84	86	96	265
Mrs. Greenberg	94	82	89	265
Miss Wilson	64	76	77	217
Mrs. Bojeson	91	90	83	264
Miss Baptista	82	77	84	243
	415	410	429	1,250

First Badminton League Matches

French Club and St. John's Win Decisively; 9-0, Over Opponents

The first badminton league matches of the season were played off yesterday when the Men's Doubles Division opened with three encounters. At the Cercle Sportif Francais, the senior team defeated the second-stringers comfortably, winning all nine games, while the St. John's University team duplicated this feat by overwhelming the Sokol players by 9-0 on the latter's courts. Playing on the Union Church court, the Country Club did better than was originally expected when they permitted the home team to triumph by only 6-3.

The French Club "A," which must be considered as one of the most formidable aggregations in the competition, was well served by its representatives. Berents and Meise did not have to extend themselves too much to overcome the opposition supplied by Clark and Scott, their hardest game being the last one which they took at 15-10. The second couple of McKinnon and Flood, however, took one of the easiest matches of the evening at the expense of Chaillan and Popple. The third match was a bit of struggle for Jorgensen and Hansen in the first two games before they could triumph, but they claimed the final game at 15-0.

The Union Church went off to a fine start when their first who couples won in straight games. While E.C. Read and J.M. Bates gave L.C. Kew and L.G. Shellam some fight before they went down eventually, the combination of G.G. Clarke and G.D. Chelmis swept all before them with a victory of 15-1, 15-2, 15-2 against Haig and Barraclough. The Church side dropped the last match as Beeching and Ewing triumphed over Wright and E.C. Kew.

At the same time, the St. John's University overwhelmed the Sokol team, a new entry in the league, every match being a convincing victory.

Summary of Results

Following is the summary of results, and the programme for the week, the home team being given first:—

C.S.F. "A" 9; C.S.F. "B" 0

Berents and Meise beat Clark and Scott, 15-3, 15-9, 15-10.

McKinnon and Flood beat Chaillan and Popple, 15-7, 15-5, 15-3.

Jorgensen and Hansen beat Davidson and Read, 15-12, 15-13, 15-0.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY 9; SOKOL 0

E. L. Chang and William Fung beat Maserin and Kotsiaroff, 15-3, 15-4, 15-3.

S. K. Ho and F. F. Lee beat Ivanchenko and Bocevitch, 15-10, 15-2, 15-3.

Tony Wong and Timmy Tong beat Petroff and Zellensky, 15-3, 15-2, 15-2.

UNION CHURCH 6; COUNTRY CLUB 3

L. C. Kew and L G.. Shellam beat E. C. Read and J. M. Bates, 15-8, 15-8, 15-14.

G. G. Clarke and G. D. Chelmis beat Haig and E. S. Barraclough, 15-1, 15-2, 15-2.

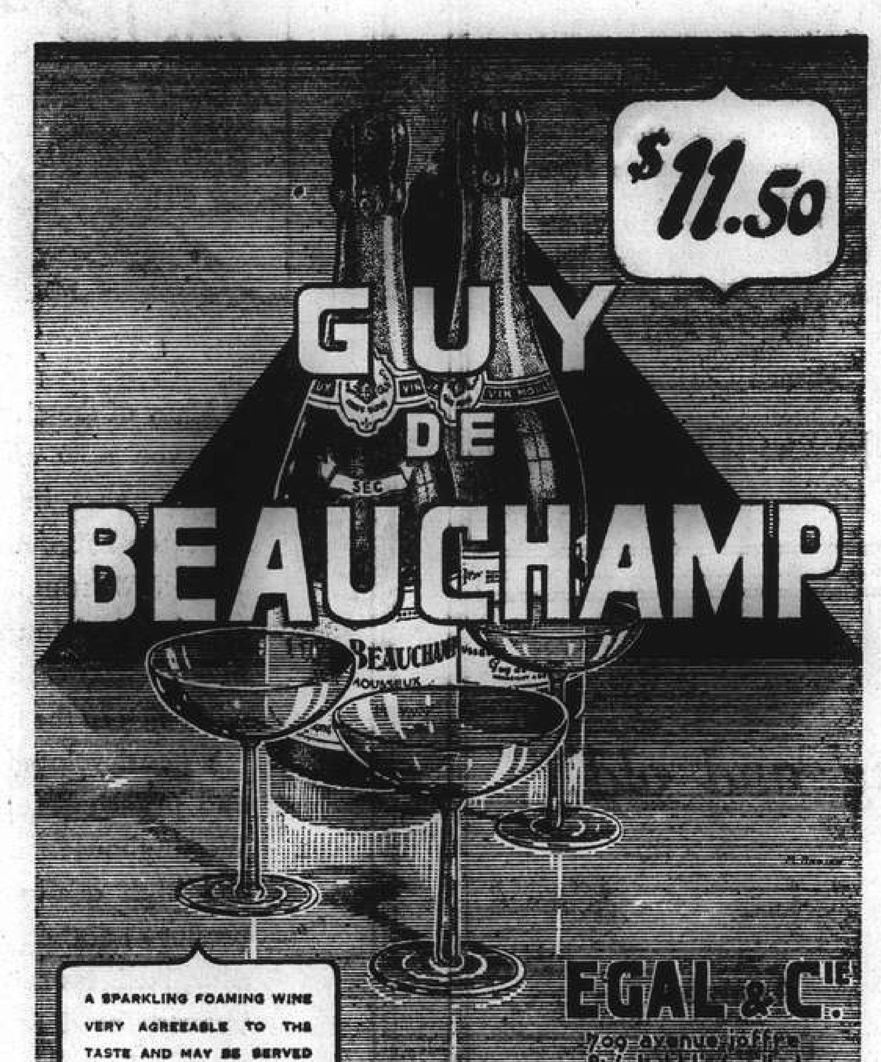
H. Wright and E. C. Kew lost to E. Beeching and A. A. Ewing, 6-15, 5-15, 9-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES (TODAY)

C.S.F. v. Union Church
Country Club "A" v. Country Club "B"

MIXED DOUBLES (FRIDAY)

C.S.F. v. Country Club "A"
Country Club "B" v. Union Church



Motor Car Racing Tragedy in Chile

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 18.

In the course of an automobile race for the Copec Trophy, a car driven by Jose Prieto overturned and crashed into a public grandstand. Five people met their death and several were more or less seriously hurt.—Havas.

Invitation Basketball League Play

Foreign "Y" Cubs Trim U.D. Club After Fine Spurt

Staging a fine rally in the second half, the Foreign "Y" Cubs took the measure of the U. D. Club in one of the most important matches in the Invitation Basketball League last night by a score of 31 to 28. The winners fell behind in the first period by 18-9, but upon the resumption the team tightened up to turn defeat apparent into victory.

Carson and Dobrenky were the chief scorers, each netting six field goals. Dobrenky shot one foul throw to get a total of 13 points.

In the other two games the Marine Whites and Reds were victorious. The White trounced the Chains by 64 to 16 and the Reds vanquished the Moore Church five by 39 to 15. Play in each one of the two tussles was too one-sided to be of much interest.

The results were:—

"Y" CUBS

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Chantural, lf.	0	0	0	0
Dobrenly, rf.	6	1	1	13
Bernard, c.	2	0	1	4
Carson, lg.	6	0	3	12
Krause, rg.	1	0	1	12
	15	1	6	31

U. D. CLUB

H. S. Chen, lf.	2	1	0	5
Y. C. Shen, rf.	3	1	0	7
T. T. Lee, c.	2	2	2	6
S. Y. Pao, lg.	3	0	2	6
S. T. Yui, rg.	2	0	4	4
S. H. Hsu, rg.	0	0	0	0
	12	4	8	28

MARINE WHITES

Burch, lf.	4	0	1	8
Pasko, lf.	4	1	0	9
Grow, rf.	3	0	3	6
Balducci, rf.	5	1	1	11
Hughes, rf.	3	0	0	6
Koreis, c.	3	0	3	6
Goush, lg.	5	0	0	10
Sargent, rg.	3	2	1	7
	30	4	9	64

CHAIN

C. P. Lee, lf.	1	1	1	3
C. Z. Chang, rf.	1	0	1	2
K. C. Hsu, c.	2	2	1	6
T. J. Wong, c.	0	0	0	0
K. T. Hu, lg.	0	1	1	1
C. T. Hwa, rg.	1	2	0	4
	5	6	4	16

MARINE REDS

Mudry, lf.	2	1	2	5
Estes, lf.	1	2	0	4
Rozier, rf.	6	0	0	12
Leadbetter, rf.	4	0	1	8
Kaufmann, c.	3	2	0	8
Dingwall, rg.	0	1	0	1
Robinson, lg.	0	1	2	1
	16	7	5	39

MOORE

P. Ling, lf.	0	0	0	0
T. Yang, rf.	1	0	0	2
C. Cheng, c.	1	1	2	3
Y. C. Sung, c.	1	0	2	2
S. Zung, lg.	1	0	2	2
Z. C. Wang, rg.	2	0	3	4
	7	1	9	15

Ladies Basketball in Reid Challenge Series

Favourites Win Games Quite Easily

Favourites again were returned winners in yesterday's play in the Reid Basketball Challenge Series for Ladies at the Navy Y.M.C.A. Erin Villa, Greens and Telephones scored easy victories over Post Mercury, Blues and League of Pals, respectively.

Erin Villa took the measure of Post Mercury by 22 to 8. Miss E. Ellis netted four field goals while Miss L. Oliveira made three to lead the winners' attack. The Misses E. Sullivan and M. McEven countered two shots and one foul each to make up the rest of the team's score.

The Greens walked away from the Blues, winning by 42 to 6. Miss E. Carter was in the best of form, shooting seven field baskets. They put up a tight defence and in the first and third quarters gave their opponents no chance to locate the basket.

The Telephones won a low scoring game from the League of Pals by 15-5. Both teams were erratic in shooting. Miss N. Wilson did exceedingly well as she was responsible for ten points. Miss V. Oliveira chalked up four of the losers' five tallies.

Reds' Financial Success

Cincinnati, O. Dec. 15.

Despite their world series performance, the Cincinnati Reds were a big success during the 1939 season no matter which way you look at it.

Owner Powel Crosley, Jr., set a precedent the other day by calling newspapermen to his hospital bedside to tell them all about it. He couldn't wait until he had recovered fully from injuries he suffered in a fall from a horse.

"We feel so proud of the support given us by fans in Cincinnati and vicinity that I could not restrain myself from making official comment," Crosley said.

For one thing, the Redlegs made Crosley a neat profit of approximately $400,000 during the season.—United Press.

Joint Uilities Football

The result of the match in the Joint Utilities Football League between Phones and Power on Sunday was a win for the Power by, 1-0, after an evenly contested game.

League standings to date read.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Power	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Water	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Phones	2	1	—	1	6	1	2
Bus	2	—	—	2	0	7	0

Local Bowling Congress Championship Play

The entries of bowling for the Singles Championship (Hazelwood Troply), and times of the first round to be held today at the American Club, are appended:—

p.m.
2.00 Capt. Allen, Lieut. Winecoff, Messersmith
2.25 Nawojczyk, Dolinsek
2.50 Keyes, Fiori
3.15 Cone, Jacobs
3.40 Roles, Ashley
4.05 Bowle
4.30 Kimball, Bordwell, Belknap
4.55 Xavier, Pote-Hunt
5.20 Appelboom, Piper, L. C. Kew
5.45 Chantural, Coulcher
6.10 Rayden, Picozzi, Krause
6.35 Eisenhut, H. M. Smith, Hilden
7.00 Swan, Gonsalves, Read
7.25 Kleffel, Deegan
7.50 Cuthbert, Klovekorn, Souter
8.15 Henningsen, Gray, Cardwell
8.40 Watton, Butler, Bourne

Ladies Singles Championship

The entries, and the bowling times for the first round (ladies) to be held today at the Columbia Country Club follow:—

p.m.
2.30 Mrs. Zee
3.00 Mrs. Kops, Mrs. Vines, Mrs. Huebner
3.30 Mrs. Kwok, Mrs. Collaco, Miss Picozzi
4.00 Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Gray
4.30 Mrs. Deegan, Mrs. Shean, Mrs. Cardwell
5.00 Mrs. Rundell, Mrs. Pote-Hunt
5.30 Miss Jackson, Mrs. Geibel
6.00 Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Bristow, Mrs. Dalton
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Manila, Dec. 18.

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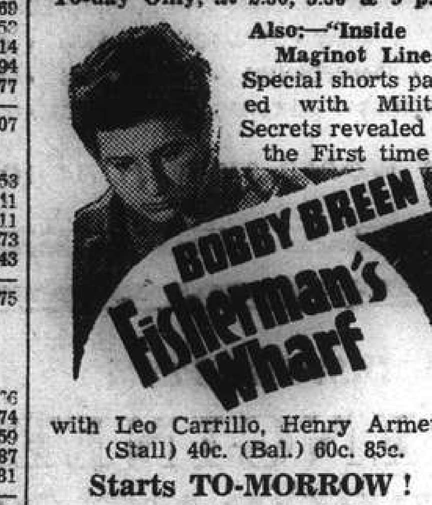

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U.S.-Japanese Relations

Tokyo Believed Pressing For Trade Treaty; Senator Vandenburg Favours Pact

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The American Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Joseph Grew, met the Foreign Minister, Admiral K. Nomura, at the latter's official residence here this afternoon.

The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, also is expected to confer with high Foreign Office officials today but a meeting had not been arranged by noon.

U.S. Rapprochement Urged

The Tokyo "Asahi," in a special dispatch from Washington, reported today that Senator Arthur Vandenberg, possible Republican Presidential candidate in 1940 has declared himself in favour of American recognition of Manchoukuo if all other Japanese-American problems are settled to the satisfaction of the United States.

"I am of the opinion," Senator Vandenberg was reported to have said, "that America should recognize Manchoukuo on the condition that a satisfactory agreement is reached between Japan and the United States on all pending questions."

Senator Vandenberg was reported to have said that he was opposed to the cessation of Japanese-American trade after the Japanese-American trade treaty of 1911 expires on January 26.

"If Japan and the Soviet Union conclude a non-aggression pact, however, I believe an embargo against Japan will be placed into effect immediately," Senator Vandenberg was reported to have said.—United Press.

Former Wife of Gen. Chiang Said Killed

No Confirmation from Official Circles

The divorced wife of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek who had been staying in General Chiang's native district, Fenghwa, Chekiang, since the hostilities and who was popularly known as "Madame Mao" during the early stages of the Kuomintang northern expedition period was killed last Tuesday when Japanese bombers carried out an extensive bombing programme in the east Chekiang district and other districts in the same region.

This information was contained in several reports circulated during the past few days including a Chinese news agency here last night, but at a late hour last night no official confirmation had been obtained either from Chungking or Kinhwa, war time capital of Chekiang, from which many telegrams reporting the results of the air-raids were sent to Shanghai by Chinese correspondents.

These Chinese reports admitted the fact that Japanese planes had visited and bombed many districts in east Chekiang recently causing property damage and civilian casualties but no mention of "Madame Mao" was made.

Local reports were to the effect that the former wife of the Generalissimo was killed while fleeing to the old Chiang Mansion from the new one which she thought might be the target of attack. While fleeing with several relatives and friends she was killed by bombs dropped by six Japanese raiders circling above head, it is reported. This was held likely by a leading Chinese daily which would reprint this version today but as stated no Chinese official confirmation had been obtained.

"Moral Embargo" List Causes Speculation

Amounts Previously Sold To Russia, Japan Given

Washington, Dec. 18.

The addition of aluminium and molybdenum, two metals vitally required in the aircraft industry, on the "moral embargo" list against Japan and Russia aroused speculation here today whether other raw materials might be added by President Roosevelt.

At present the two metals and war planes are on the "moral embargo" list compiled by the President.

There has been agitation in some quarters here for the inclusion of gasoline on the list, but Government officials refused to comment regarding such a measure.

The Department of Commerce revealed that during the first ten months of this year, Russia purchased 11,032,076 pounds of molyddenum, of which nearly half was bought in October. Russia also purchased 3,573,414 pounds of aluminium. All of this supply was bought in September and October, the Department of Commerce reported.

Japanese during the first ten months of this year purchased 7,893,865 pounds of molybdenum and 7,462,994 pounds of aluminium ingots, 55,884 pounds of aluminium scrap, 292,270 pounds of aluminium plates, sheets and bars, and 314,497 pounds of aluminum tubes and castings, the Department of Commerce said.—United Press.

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Manœuvres While a Real War Is On

A gun crew of the Netherlands army is here shown in action during manœuvres recently held in Holland as that little country stands ready to play the game in grim earnest if Germany should attempt to violate her frontiers. Notwithstanding its smallness, the Netherlands' army has proved its worth on many occasions and military experts of all nations have repeatedly pointed out its key-pitched efficiency.

Hitler Covets Mines In Sweden

London Believes Reich Has Plans in Scandinavia

London, Dec. 17.

Herr Adolf Hitler intends to take up with the Scandinavian offensive where M. Josef Stalin leaves off, reports converging in London from the northern neutral lands all concurred today.

Herr Hitler, it was stated, wishes to compensate himself for the loss of the Finnish nickel mines which are falling into Soviet hands and which Germany formerly counted upon for vital supplies.

To balance his Communist colleague's gains in Finland, Herr Hitler soon may turn his attention to Sweden and exert pressure with an eye to the rich Swedish deposits of iron ore, now essential to the Reich's iron-hungry munitions plants.

Reports that things are not going very well for the Red Army in Finland do not seem to have troubled the German Fuehrer very much, either.

Little Soviet Success

It was pointed out here that to date, Finnish troops have given an admirable display of unequalled courage and high morale to keep in check the hordes of Red invaders who swept across the eastern frontier November 30 at dawn.

The Soviets up to the present have experienced heavy losses not alone because of Finnish armed resistance, but from the rigours of the extremely cold climate. The first big offensive is ended and a second must be launched, costing the Kremlin yet more thousands of men and millions of roubles.

The aim of the Soviet High Command, military experts here stated tonight, apparently is to occupy the whole of the nickel-rich Salmijaervi region first.—Havas.

River Conservation For North China

Shimonoseki, Dec. 18.

A five-year river conservation plan for North China costing Y.150,000,000 will start next fiscal year, Dr. Shichiro Miura, Assistant-Director of the Reconstruction Administration of the Provisional Government in Peking, announced here today. A reservoir covering 800,000,000 cubic metres will be constructed on the upper reaches of the Yungting River. By diverting the waters into such a basin, he said, North China would be protected from flood. When levees at Tientsin were completed, he added, navigation as far as Tientsin would be possible.—Domei.

Japan Waits Assurance On Fisheries Pact

No Official Confirmation Of Agreement in Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The Foreign Office today was awaiting information from the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, regarding Russia's reported assurances of her willingness to conclude a long term fisheries agreement with Japan.

The Tokyo "Asahi" and other vernacular papers believed today that the fishery talks may be held concurrently in Moscow and Tokyo. Interest in Japan's foreign relations, however, continued to be centered chiefly on the forthcoming Anglo-Japanese conversations on the Tientsin problem.—United Press.

Sanyo Maru Passed by Contraband Control

German Goods on Board Bought Before Blockade

London, Dec. 18.

The Japanese steamer Sanyo Maru—described as the "test case" ship for Japan's reactions to the Allied blockade of German exports—has been released from a contraband control base after a stay of 24 hours.

According to the Ministry of Economic Warfare assurances had previously been given by the Japanese Government that all goods of German origin on board had been paid for before November 27, the date on which action against German exports carried in neutral ships came into force.

Therefore, the statement adds, it was only necessary when the Sanyo Maru arrived at the contraband control base in the Downs to verify that her cargo did not include any other goods of German origin not covered by Japanese guarantees.

The case of the Sanyo Maru has been watched with interest in many quarters as she was the first Japanese vessel affected by the Allies' decision to seize German exports in neutral ships. Hints were given in Tokyo that retaliation would be considered if exports were seized from Japanese vessels.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Dr. William I. Sirovich

New York, Dec. 18.

Dr. William I. Sirovich, Democratic Representative of New York, died here today.

Mr. Sirovich was chairman of the House Patents Committee and was a member of the Civil Service and Merchant Marine and Fisheries committees.—United Press.

Terrorists Cornered In Peiping

Alleged Pro-Chiang Gang Arrested in Church

Peiping, Dec. 18.

Cornered in a French Catholic Church after a two-hour running gun fight with the police, 12 Chinese, alleged to be terrorists in the pay of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, were arrested here on Thursday, the police authorities announced today, lifting a censorship ban.

Fifteen Chinese terrorists, the police said, had slipped into Peiping under orders from the Blue Shirt Society, a Chungking régime organization, to attack pro-Japanese Chinese.

Mr. Liu Fu-shan, 56, the police charged had been wounded by this band. He is the father of Mr. Liu I-wan, a former Blue Shirt, who was recently "converted" to the pro-Japanese group.

The projected wave of terrorism was to have coincided with the celebrations of the second anniversary of the "Provisional Government."—Domei.

More Survivors Saved From Indigirka

Twenty-eight More Rescued From Wrecked Soviet Ship

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Twenty-eight more survivors were rescued yesterday from the ill-fated Soviet steamer Indigirka, wrecked last Tuesday on Kaimato Islet, North Hokkaido, with a loss of more than 700 lives.

One of this last batch of survivors died after being rescued, and two others are suffering from serious injuries, according to reports received by the Foreign Office.

All the rescued persons have been sent to Otaru, where they are being taken care of by authorities of Otaru municipality.—Reuter.

Japanese Army Adds Skiing to Training

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Skiing was added today to the training programme for soldiers of the Japanese Army. Army authorities announced that a textbook on skiing was being compiled, and that fourteen skiing instructors, including Lieut.-Col. Susumu Sotozono, from the Toyama Physical Education School, an Army institution, left today for Sapporo, the Hokkaido, to conduct a 10-day ski training school.

In adding skiing to the Army training programme, it was pointed out that use of skis would be valuable to troops in manœuvres through territory covered with deep snow.—Domei.

Tokyo has Trade Pact With Uruguay

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Ratifications of a treaty of Commerce and Navigation, initialled in Montevideo on May 10, 1934, will soon be exchanged between Japan and Uruguay, the "Asahi" chain of newspapers reported here today.

The Japanese Foreign Office, the newspapers said, had been informed on Saturday that the Uruguayan Chamber of Deputies on December 12 had ratified the pact.

Japanese ratification of the treaty, which consists of nine articles, will follow action by the Privy Council.—Domei.

Mr. Kato Leaves Tientsin For Shanghai

Peiping, Dec. 18.

Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, Japanese Minister-at-Large in China, left Tientsin at 8 a.m. for Shanghai, via Nanking, after completing an inspection tour in north China, according to reports received here.

During his stay in North China, Mr. Kato did not confer with Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador to China. It had been reported that he might exchange views with him while in North China.—Domei.

Peiping-Tientsin Road To Be Repaired

Peiping, Dec. 18.

The Tientsin engineering bureau of the Reconstruction Administration of the "Provisional Government" is making preparations for repairing the Peiping-Tientsin highway.

Chinese reports state that construction work will start towards the end of this month. The highway, which has been considerably damaged by the recent Tientsin floods, will be made into a macadamised road.

Improvement of the highway, the reports add, has been necessitated by the increasing motor traffic between the two cities.—Reuter.

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PINCOTT.—On December 17, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, ALICE PINCOTT, aged 38 years, beloved daughter of Mr. C. H. Bailey and the late Mrs. Annie Bailey. The funeral will take place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery on Wednesday, December 20, 1939, at 3.30 p.m. All friends are invited to attend.

YUTCIS.—On December 18, 1939, at the Russian Orthodox Hospital, Shanghai, JOSEPH YUTCIS, aged 56 years, passed away. Funeral took place at 5 o'clock, December 18, at the Baikal Road Cemetery. -10069

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A RAIDER'S END

It was a wise decision of the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee to scuttle that vessel rather than go out and encounter the imposing Allied naval strength which had assembled during the seventy-two hours' grace, which had been given him by the Uruguayan Government, for he saved his gallant crew from what, humanly speaking, must have been a futile sacrifice. He might have decided upon venturing against the Allied forces with the idea of doing what damage he possibly could before the inevitable fate befell him, but he was just as completely outgunned as he in his turn outgunned the three cruisers which forced him to flee into Montevideo, and it is unlikely that he would ever have been allowed to come within sufficient range to do any serious harm. So the action of last week in the South Atlantic, which the Reich authorities absurdly claimed as a German victory, has reached what could be the only possible sequel, a strikingly dramatic proof of the Allied victory, and the elimination of a pocket-battleship which was doing damage to Allied mercantile shipping. If that is indeed an Allied defeat then the sooner they achieve more of the same kind the quicker will the war be brought to a victorious end. With all due allowance for the manner in which the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee fought his ship, the fact still remains that, when attacked by considerably inferior craft from the point of view of striking power, he was outmanœuvred in a manner which prevented him doing full justice to his overwhelmingly powerful armament, and attacked at ranges which he himself is reported to have described as audacious. The whole affair is a striking tribute to the efficiency of the commanders and crews of the British vessels, and their traditional readiness to engage the enemy no matter what the odds.

There has been some criticism in Germany of the Uruguayan Government's decision to allow Admiral Graf Spee seventy-two hours in which to effect the necessary repairs in order to make her seaworthy. They would have been perfectly entitled to have insisted that only twenty-four hours should be granted. International law on the subject being somewhat vague, it rests with the government of the nation in whose port a belligerent war vessel seeks refuge to decide exactly what time shall be granted the refugee. Had the Uruguayan Government decided upon only one day's grace the Admiral Graf Spee might have been forced to sea too early for the Allies to assemble the strength which the extra two days gave them. She might have then only had to encounter the Ajax and the Achilles, and the fact that the German commander did not go out at the end of one day may be taken as ample corroboration of the view that the punishment inflicted upon her was such that he could not hope to engage these two weaker cruisers with any real chance of getting away. The naval action was consequently won when the Admiral Graf Spee sought refuge in Uruguayan waters, for it abandoned the field, and was quite obviously unfit to rejoin action with the two remaining British cruisers which immediately maintained a watch over her. The seventy-two hours of grace, however, might have operated seriously against the Allies, for there was always the possibility that sufficient time had been given to permit of German submarines hurrying to the spot in an endeavour to take toll of the Allied vessels waiting for the Admiral Graf Spee to come out into the open again. That was a grave danger, and though no submarines have at the time of writing been reported as arriving on the scene it was always a possibility which could not be lightly disregarded. The fact of the matter is that the Uruguayan Government acted with scrupulous fairness to both sides, for to have permitted the German vessel to remain in harbour longer than was absolutely necessary to become seaworthy, would have been acting in the most un-neutral manner possible. It is not likely that the sharp protest which it is reported the Reich contemplates making will have any great effect, for it is based upon fictitious grounds and is undoubtedly inspired by pique caused by defeat.

The Reich would have created a much better impression throughout the world if it had on this occasion refrained from indulging in its hoary old wheeze of alleging that the British cruisers used gas shells against their vessel. The inability to accept the blow of defeat with the dignity which inspired the Poles, is a characteristic of the Nazis, who time and again have sought to make out a case that defeat was due to any and every thing other than the successful utilization of strength against them. The absurdity of loading armour-piercing, high explosive missiles with poison gas at the expense of the exploding charge has only to be mentioned to be understood, while it is a fact that the British Navy has never been supplied with and has never used this particular type of projectile which exists chiefly in the agile minds of the Reich propagandists. Again it has been sought to make much of the fact that the full total of British casualties was held up. Why the British Admiralty should be expected to give the enemy any information whatever it is a little difficult to understand, but it has to be pointed out that, with the smallest possible delay in the circumstances, the tale of British loss has been announced, and, in numbers of killed, it is clear that the British paid more heavily for their victory than the Germans did for their defeat. It is possible that the Reich will despatch further war vessels to act as commerce raiders, though with the damage to the Gneisenau and the destruction of Admiral Graf Spee a very considerable hole has been made in the strength of German capital ships. Two of the five with which Germany entered the war have been put out of action, and the accretion of strength which Herr Hitler expected through increased construction has at least been postponed. Whether he will send out more vessels of the type to raid on the high seas remains to be seen, for, compared with the amount of damage done by her, the loss of the Admiral Graf Spee suggests that these ventures are not particularly profitable.

No Test Case

Endeavours are being made by German propagandists to describe the delaying of the Japanese freighter Sanyo Maru, carrying German exports to Japan, as a test case under the British Order-in-Council instituting British control over German exports in neutral bottoms. After a delay of twenty-four hours in the Downs, during which she underwent the usual examination, the Sanyo Maru was permitted to proceed on her journey. Nothing in the nature of a test case was involved for it was expressly conceded by the British Government that free passage of German goods, purchased and paid for by neutrals previous to the announcement of the blockade on German exports, would be allowed to proceed to their destination. An understanding to that effect was reached between British, and Japanese officials on December 12. The position is fully explained by Domei, which states that the British Ministry of Economic Warfare announced that the Japanese Government had given a guarantee that the transactions and payment for the goods shipped in the Sanyo Maru had been completed before November 27, when the Order-in-Council was issued. It must be recalled that the British Government, in a statement issued on that date, announced that exception would be made of German goods which had become the property of neutrals before that date, and the detention of the Sanyo Maru in the Downs was merely for the purpose of ascertaining whether the vessel were carrying any German goods not covered by the Japanese Government's guarantee. Instead of this particular shipment being a test case it is clear from the facts that it was merely an instance where it was possible for the British and Japanese Governments to come to an arrangement which was equitable to all concerned, for it would undoubtedly have been an injustice if the sudden application of the Order-in-Counil had prejudiced the rights of neutrals under transactions completed before the Order was published. That other considerations may apply in the future is quite clear.

The Ability to Smile

Three, five or probably fifteen years for the duration of the war sounds like a hard and brutal sentence to pass on a people with a sense of humour so marked as the British, despite what other people say. But the challenge does not appear to be undermining or exhausting those extensive funds of cheerfulness and humour which have served the people well in other crises. During the last war, the British Tommy developed a sanguinary vocabulary of extraordinary extent which produced "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" and in the hands of Bairnsfather, produced Old Bill, a most lovable type, who thank goodness, is still with us in the "Bystander," although he is somewhat lost in modern conditions. On what must be termed in the new terminology of hostilities, the home front, "Chu Chin Chow" and "The Bing Boys" made theatrical history for longevity and were seen by millions of people during their run in London and never failed to please, for Oscar Asche in one and George Robey in the other were national idols and George Robey continues to be. The present hostilities are producing humour of a more vigorous type and even the grave and stately chuckles of "Punch" are assuming a tinge of Rabelaisan wit since A. P. Herbert expatiated at length on "Bombphlets" and the obvious play on words in connection with "Mein Kampf." A trade journal states that editors of fun papers are telling contributors that "broad humour" is welcomed, and the delicate quality of British humour must be suffering a terrible shock. As one writer remarks, a motto for the cheerful home front might be "Faith, Hope and Rabelais."

A Christmas Game

Christmas is the time for parties and games to entertain the guests, and therefore all sorts of fossils of entertainment are dug out of the disused cupboards of the average household before being parked there again for another twelve months. Among them is the guessing game, which postulates an answer which is the name of a bird. For instance, what happens when you drink? Swallow. What is a Scotsman playing his national music on the beach? Sandpiper. And so on, until the abnormalities of what happens to a motor when you start it?—it goes, or goose—have been worked through. It is seldom, however, that a tribute to any particular person is involuntarily paid in these games. Yet this happened the other night, when the question was asked: What does Mr. E. S. Wilkinson do? The majority of the party were puzzled, for Mr. Wilkinson is noted for a wonderful variety of tasks of benefit to the community, to say nothing of the high standing he occupies in his own business. It was left to an eleven years old prodigy to provide the correct answer. What does Mr. E. S. Wilkinson do? Lovebirds. Work that out. It is nothing more than the author of "Shanghai Birds" and "The Shanghai Bird Year" deserves. As winter descends on this part of the world, many birds find it difficult to pick up their usual rations around the town, and Shanghailanders have a great opportunity of studying Shanghai's bird life if they provide a little food on their lawns or bird-tables and watch who comes to eat it.

IN PARENTHESIS

His Mark

"MY father certainly made his mark in the world."

"Shake; mine couldn't write either."

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The Taste

"A LITTLE bird told me this soup isn't good," said the diner.

"A little bird, sir?" queried the waiter.

"Yes," replied the diner, "one swallow."

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Modern

EXPLORER: "I have come to you from beyond the sunset, from the great White King."

Savage Chief: "Well, tell me, when are they going to do something about these radio programmes?"

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In Business

HOUSEWIFE: "Well this is the limit! Begging in couples now!"

Beggar: "Only temporary, madame. This is my new partner, and I'm just introducing him to my clientele."

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Nothing New

"WHAT will your father say when he learns that we are engaged?" asked the youthful private nervously.

"Oh, he'll be delighted," responded the girl artlessly, "he always is."

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Nasty

A LADY teacher, going through the various tenses with her class, called one boy, whose mind seemed to be wandering, out to the floor.

"If I say 'I am beautiful,' what tense is that?" she asked.

"Past tense, ma'am," he answered.

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Complaint

AN officer was making his rounds, asking if there were any complaints.

"Yes, sir," spoke up a young recruit. "I bought a bottle of ginger ale at the canteen yesterday and I found it was benzine that was in the bottle."

"Oh, that's all right if you just keep off smoking for about a week," was the answer.

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Advance of Science

ONLY recently, thanks to science, a chap named Wilberforce came down to breakfast and found that his wife had burnt the toast with a lump of ice which she had baked in the oven for making cocktails.

"You and your old mumbo-jumbo!" he sneered. "You'll be washing your silly hair in wood next and drying it under the tap!"

"Oh, eat your solid coffee and be quiet!" she said.

"How can I?" he demanded. "It's so freezing cold it makes my teeth ache!"

"Well, put it on a plate then and I'll boil it up in the refrigerator," she said.

This so annoyed him that he picked up the bread board and poured it all over the floor.

"Now let's see you mop that up with a jug of water!" he cried.

He then snatched up his hat and rushed out of the house, slamming the front door behind him and causing it to leak abominably.

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Options

A CHAP who has something to do with sounding air raid sirens—he isn't quite sure what, because during a false alarm he mislaid his book of words—tells us that the main scheme is roughly this, writes Lane-Norcott in the "Daily Mail."

Directly an enemy aircraft is sighted, then Central Office presses either a red or a blue button, and this lights up a yellow or possibly a green lamp in every Local Control Room throughout the country.

"It is then up to the local control officer to press a pink or maybe a white button as quickly as possible. This, if all goes well, illuminates a mauve or an orange bulb in thousands and thousands of alarm Rooms from Land's End to John o' Groats.

By just looking at the colour the fellow on duty can tell at a glance that all isn't quite as quiet as it was before someone started pressing buttons. "Anyway, the whole crux of the matter is this," concluded this chap. "Directly you hear a siren you can rest assured of one of three things. Either there's been an air raid, or there's going to be an air raid, or the blighters have been driven off. We never blow our sirens for nothing, except by accident."

THE WEATHER

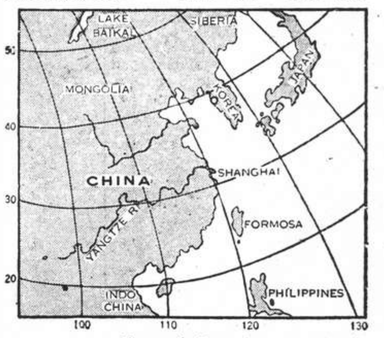
Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	37.0	Max.	49.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	48.0	Max.	56.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	34.5	Max.	50.7
Same date, 1938	Min.	49.8	Max.	56.5



Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 17th:—Normal anticyclone over China. The low area or typhoon to the east-north-east of Mindanao is stationary. Fine weather and variable breezes in China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast to cloudy and regular north-easterly monsoon over the Eastern Sea.

State on the morning of the 18th:—Rather high anticyclone over China. The Philippines typhoon is apparently advancing west-north-west or north-westward.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—The typhoon over the Vizayas is slowly moving north-westward. Fine weather and prevailing winds from the northern quadrant in China. Normal north-westerly to north-easterly monsoon and cloudy to overcast weather over the Yellow Sea and the Eastern Sea. Typhoon signal: Approximate position of the centre at 2 p.m., within 120 miles, latitude 13, longitude 122, direction north-west, intensity: unknown.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Socony Ladies in lieu of Christmas Gifts	$25.00
Hermfred	15.00

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In memory of Mrs. Madeleine Todd:—

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hayim	$25.00
Mrs. Hayim and A. J. Hayim	25.00

Graf Spee Scuttled on Orders from Hitler

German Pocket Battleship Taken Five Miles Off Uruguayan Coast, Blown Up by Own Crew; Allied Warships Depart for Patrol Duty

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 17.

SCUTTLED by its own crew, the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee sank five miles off the Urugayan coast at 7.37 p.m. local time today (7.07 a.m., December 18, Shanghai time) after a series of rending explosions. The 10,000-ton Nazi raider of the deep which put into Montevideo harbour Wednesday, December 13, to escape three British cruisers, pulled out of the Uruguayan port at 5.15 p.m. local time today (4.45 a.m., December 18, Shanghai time) barely fifteen minutes before its time of grace expired.

Awaiting the vessel at the mouth of the River Plate was an imposing array of Allied warships, eager to resume and finish off the battle begun last Wednesday morning. H.M.S. Renown, 32,000-ton battle cruiser armed with six 15-inch guns, H.M.S. Ark Royal, aircraft-carrier with 60 planes and which the Germans have claimed to have sunk, the French battleship Dunkerque, and the British light cruisers Achilles and Ajax formed the Allied fleet. Rather than face the guns of this overwhelming force, Captain Langsdorf of the Admiral Graf Spee decided to sink his own vessel, as Radio Uruguay forecast earlier in the day.

Scuttling the battleship was no spontaneous move, but apparently was carried out on orders from Berlin, for when the Graf Spee cleared Montevideo harbour, it was followed closely by the German freighter Tacoma. When the battleship foundered, the crew was transferred to the Tacoma. The crew left their ship in five lifeboats, each of which carried about 100 men.

The Tacoma already was carrying on board the older and married men of the Graf Spee's crew who had been transferred even before the battleship left harbour.

A huge crowd of onlookers lined the waterfront when the battleship sailed past. Germans looked on anxiously, for they had an inkling of the fate awaiting the vessel. Sailors on the Graf Spee waved to fellow countrymen ashore.

Two Uruguayan warplanes circled above the battleship to see that none of the conventions of international law were broken.

Sea Cocks Opened

After clearing harbour, the battleship cast anchor five miles off the Uruguayan coast, safe within Argentinian territoiral waters in the estuary of the River Plate.

Sea cocks in the stern were opened and time bombs set at vital points. At 7.05 p.m., barely half an hour after finally clearing Montevideo, the Graf Spee spouted a cloud of smoke.

Its crew, all aboard the Tacoma by that time, watched sadly as the ship, their second home, sank lower and lower. Two Argentinian warships cruised in the vicinity, maintaining a "death watch" patrol to see to the last that international law was observed.

At 7.35 p.m. local time, the first of three terrific explosions shook the war-scarred and weather-beaten battleship. Pieces of equipment on the decks were hurled out to sea.

Seconds after the third explosion shook the ship, the Admiral Graf Spee heaved for the last time and then plunged to the bottom of the estuary, leaving only tumbled waters and a cloud of steam and smoke.

Twelve Near Death

Earlier in the day, indications of the warship's impending departure were given when 31 seriously wounded sailors, 12 near death, were landed at Montevideo.

A Havas correspondent who cruised in a motorboat not 100 yards from the German vessel saw shortly after noon that repairs were being concluded and preparations for sailing completed.

Workers who had laboured feverishly to repair the damage incurred during Wednesday's battle then were seen to lay down their tools and return ashore. Supplies and fuel had been taken aboard.

Grave of the Graf Spee

The Graf Spee's departure in broad daylight was no surprise for it was thought that, if the warship intended to make a fight of it, it would slip out before nightfall so as to have the cloak of night to hide its movements after it had cleared harbour, which was safe anyway.

The scuttled ship, the end of whose career as a raider was sounded by the Exeter, Achilles and Ajax Wednesday morning, was a sister-ship of the Deutschland and Admiral von Scheer, both also 10,000-ton pocket-battleships.

Heavily Armed

In fact, when first reports on Wednesday's encounter first reached Montevideo, the Admiral Graf Spee was confused with the Admiral von Scheer.

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Severe Blow to German Morale

Scuttling Deplored as Ignominious Way Out by New York, London Press

New York, Dec. 18.

The end of the Admiral Graf Spee, scuttled by her own crew, is a great victory for the British Navy and a severe blow not only to the morale of the German Navy but also to that of the German people, the press here today stated in commenting on the final developments in the Anglo-German naval battle off Montevideo.

The naval expert of the "New York Times" considers that the scuttling of the warship, particularly if ordered by Herr Hitler, constitutes "a premature concession of defeat and perhaps Hitler's first avowal that public opinion in Germany would ill accept a long list of defeats".

The paper paid a tribute to Uruguay, stressing that she acted with admirable firmness and in respect of the law despite considerable diplomatic pressure by Germany.

The "New York Herald Tribune" termed the end of the German battleship "an ignominous one."

No Heroism

"There is no heroism in scuttling a vessel, even in presence of the enemy," the paper added.

The paper pointed out that Admiral Graf von Spee, after whom the vessel was named, preferred to fight it out during the Great War, while the vessel bearing his name chose a less glorious end.

"This is an impressive demonstration of the reality of naval power when directed with intelligence and courage such as in the case of the British cruisers who were faced with an unequal struggle," the paper concluded.—Havas.

Rawalpindi More Courageous

London, Dec. 18.

Lengthy comments were devoted in the press here this morning to the end of the Admiral Graf Spee, which was strikingly contrasted with the fight put up by the British auxiliary cruiser Rawalpindi a few weeks ago against overwhelming odds in the shape of the German pocket-battleship Deutschland.

The Rawalpindi fought until every gun had been put out of action and went down with her pennant flying.

"The Admiral Graf Spee, scuttled by her own crew, acknowledged the irrefutable superiority of Britain's sea power, "the "Daily Mail" said. "After a spectacular career as a commerce raider this was the ignoble end of a ship acclaimed by the Nazis as the pride of the German Navy. Perhaps the commander and crew would have preferred to fight but orders had probably come from Herr Hitler."

Ignominious End

The "Daily Sketch" declared this morning that the Admiral Graf Spee "lies on the mud of the Rio de la Plata, sent to the bottom not in the glorious tradition of a naval battle, but scuttled by her own Captain."

A high naval authority here said today that the scuttling of the warship was an act even more humiliating than her internment by the Uruguayan authorities.

"To have fought would have been magnificent, to have allowed herself to be interned understandable," he added, "but she chose an ignominious end."—Havas.

Diplomatic Circles Relieved

Washington, Dec. 19.

Diplomatic quarters here breathed a sigh of relief today when learning that the Admiral Graf Spee had been scuttled off Montevideo.

These circles had been fearing another naval battle within the safety zone defined at the Panama Conference, as some reports led to the belief that the German warship was preparing to leave port and fight to the finish with the Allied vessels waiting for her outside.

The violation of this safety zone during the running battle last Wednesday between the German warship and three British cruisers is still being discussed here and will be the object of diplomatic conversations between all the countries on the American hemisphere with a view to preventing a repetition of similar incidents.

Diplomatic quarters here point out that there is no question of sending naval units to force respect of the safety zone.—Havas.

Roosevelt Hears of Sinking

Hyde Park, N.Y., Dec. 18.

President Roosevelt spent the evening last night in his Hyde Park library listening to a play-by-play radio broadcast of the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee near Montevideo.

The President remained in communication throughout the day with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

The President's interest in the Graf Spee, it was understood, was two-fold. He hopes to maintain the absolute neturality of the Western Hemisphere which the Anglo-German sea battle possibly violated. As an advocate of a strong navy for the United States, the President also was interested in the showing which the Graf Spee might have made.—United Press.

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Britain's War-time Cabinet Photographed Together

Members of Britain's war-time Cabinet photographed together for the first time. Standing, left to right, are: Sir John Anderson, Minister for Home Security; Lord Hankey, Minister Without Portfolio; Mr. L. Hore Belisha, War Secretary; Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty; Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister; Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, and Sir Edward Bridges, Permanent Secretary and Secretary of the War Cabinet. Seated, left to right: Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary; Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Mr. Nevile Chamberlain, Prime Minister; Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal; and Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence.

British Casualties Announced

Three Cruisers Lose 72 Killed and 31 Wounded In Graf Spee Action

London, Dec. 17.

The British Navy lost 72 men killed and 13 wounded during the running encounter Wednesday last, December 13, between the cruisers Exeter, Achilles and Ajax and the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, which was compelled to take cover in Montevideo harbour, the Admiralty officially announced this evening.

Among the dead are five officers, all killed aboard the Exeter, which was forced out of action by a heavy shell from the Graf Spee during the latter part of Wednesday's battle. Three of H.M.S. Exeter's officers were injured.

The detailed casualty list as announced by the Admiralty today read as follows: five officers and 56 ratings killed, three officers and 20 ratings wounded on the Exeter; seven ratings killed, one seriously injured and four wounded on H.M.S. Ajax; four ratings dead, three wounded on H.M.S. Achilles.

"Well-fought Action"

The Admiralty described the battle which resulted in this toll as a "severe and well-fought action."

Reports from the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires, the Admiralty continued, confirmed that arrangements have been completed for a converted hospital ship to be sent out to meet H.M.S. Exeter.

The personnel aboard this mercy ship will be in charge of the senior surgeon of the British Hospital at Buenos Aires and is to include three physicians, a radiologist, and 12 nurses. Equipment carried includes x-ray apparatus and a complete ward outfit.—Havas.

More Activity Seen On Western Front

German Patrols Attack In Greater Force

Paris, Dec. 18.

Violent patrol activity was reported on the Western Front along the entire area west of the Vosges and Moselle where numerous strong German patrols tried to crush French outposts and capture French prisoners. French artillery was reported to have repulsed the German attacks with heavy losses.

The Germans were reported to have used bigger patrols than heretofore and all German outposts were reinforced by campaign artillery which was brought nearer to advanced positions so as to cover No Man's Land.

The Germans for the first time attacked with a full reinforced company in the most carefully prepared offensive the Western Front has seen since the outbreak of hostilities, French reports said.—United Press.

Artillery Action

Paris, Dec. 18.

"There was some artillery activity in the night," states the latest communique on the fighting on the Western Front.—Reuter.

Nazi "News" Banned In Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.

The directors of the Radio Control Commission here banned the broadcasting by the municipal radio station of German Transocean news bulletins. The reason given was that they contain tendencious information on the European war.—Havas.

Finnish Representative at League Said To Have Been British Spy

Strange Soviet Allegation Made After Geneva Meeting; Another "Imperialist" Intrigue

Moscow, Dec. 17.

Anti-Finnish propaganda for home consumption took a new turn today with the accusation made in official quarters that Rudolf Holsti, head of the Finnish delegation at Geneva, is a British espionage agent.

"Proof" of this accusation was tendered in the form of recollections of the Goyer trial in Leningrad two years ago, when an alleged British Intelligence Service man of that name "confessed to have received from Holsti the names of spies in Soviet territory."

It also was revealed for the first time today that a member of the staff of the Finnish Consulate in Leningrad was arrested early this year. The arrest proved, it was alleged here, that the Finnish Consulate had carried on spying and propaganda activities.

The "Krasnaia Zviesda," Red army newspaper, said in an editorial today that the present situation reminds it of the state of affairs in 1920, when "imperialists intervened against the Soviets."

This newspapaper also accused the United States of "participating in anti-Soviet activities."—Havas.

Japanese May Reopen Yangtze To Foreign Merchant Shipping

Restrictions to Be Lifted From Nanking To Mouth Under Certain Conditions

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

THE Japanese Foreign Office today announced the Government's intention to reopen the Yangtze River as far as Nanking under certain restrictions.

"In view of the fact that the absolute military requirements calling for the closure of the lower Yangtze River area have become amendable to gradual modification, the Japanese forces have accordingly decided to make preparations with a view of lifting the ban on navigation on the Yangtze from Nanking downward under certain restrictions for the maintenance of peace and order and for military operations," the Gaimusho said in a communiqué.

The communiqué emphasized that today's conversation between Mr. Joseph C. Grew, American Ambassador to Tokyo, and the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, was "mutually constructive in spirit for the purpose of surmounting obstacles to Japanese-American friendly relations."

The Gaimusho spokesman at the same time issued a statement in which he said that "it is greatly regretiable that Japan is misunderstood in some quarters as if it were intending to act in an exclusive and monopolistic manner.

"The Japanese Government," he continued, "is not acting with a view of shutting out in the future economic activities of other Powers in China. As a matter of fact, Japan is not reluctant to open even the Yangtze and Pearl Rivers at the proper time and under appropriate conditions."—

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, during a 90-minute conference with the United States Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, today promised that the Yangtze River would be reopened to third Power navigation. Quarters very close to the Japanese Foreign Minister described today's conference, which was the third to be held since the recent return of Mr. Grew from Washington, as the most conciliatory meeting since the abrogation of the 1911 Japanese-American commercial treaty. Japan, informed quarters said, was apparently doing its utmost to satisfy American public opinion.

Relative to the reopening the Yangtze, Admiral Nomura said that some military necessities remained. He added, however, that both the Military and naval authorities had decided that it could be reopened to third Power shipping as far as Nanking.

May Be Extended

He indicated that subsequently the reopening would be extended to further ports. Informed quarters said that the conference resulted in distinct progress in American-Japanese relations in other fields also, with Japan offering pledges for the furture position of third Powers in China after peaceful conditions will have been restored. Progress was also made regarding the settlement of demands by American individuals for damages suffered through Japanese operations in China, it was learned.

Additional settlements are expected to be announced shortly as a result of today's conference. Mr. Grew appeared cheerful when he left the conference. He proceeded to the American Embassy to forward his report on the talks to Washington. Political observers believed that Japan's moves relative to the Yangtze and more definite guarantees for future third Power interests would go far toward alleviating the acute trade situation and possibly forestall Congressional legislation similar to Senator Key Pittman's proposed embargo.

The Democratic Senator of Nevada and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has urged that America enforce an embargo on all war and vital raw materials against Japan upon the expiration of the 1911 trade treaty late next month.—United Press.

Linked with Trade Situation

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Japanese announcement that preparations are being made to reopen the Yangtze River from its mouth to Nanking is linked in diplomatic quarters here to the question of a renewal of the Japan-American commercial treaty.

The United States, it is pointed out, had persistently insisted that deeds rather than words were expected of the Japanese as a demonstration of good faith, and it is thought that the Japanese, having so far failed to make any headway in their endeavours to reach a new

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Yangtze Reopening Said Probable

Press Conference Officials State Trade Resumption Subject to Military Needs

Coincident with Admiral Nomura's promise to the American Ambassador in Tokyo it was announced in Shanghai yesterday afternoon that the Japanese naval and military authorities had reached a decision to make preparations for the reopening of the lower Yangtze between Nanking and the mouth of the river to general traffic.

The Japanese Navy spokesman at yesterday's press conference said that it should be recalled that the river was closed to navigation by the forces of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and the reopening was carried out by the Japanese with a view to utilizing the river as a channel to carry on military operations. Immense sacrifices had been made by the Japanese in reopening the waterway and the river has been used in executing military campaigns in Central China. The Yangtze constituted a zone of military operations and could not be opened to general traffic while important military operations were going on along both banks of the river and further upwards.

As explained before, the spokesman continued, the Yangtze was not only a zone of military operations but also an important artery for the transportation of troops and supplies. Recently, the absolute military requirements along the lower Yangtze have become such that a relaxation of the absolute ban on general navigation on the river is now possible. In view of this development the Japanese army and navy have come to the decision to undertake preparations to reopen the river to general traffic between ..anking and the mouth.

Subject to Restrictions

This reopening, he spokesman went on, will be subject to restrictions dictated by military necessity and measures for maintenance of peace and order. Consequently the decision reached by the authorities does not signify that the Yangtze will be wholly thrown open to traffic. As long as operations continue along the banks and in the upper reaches of the river a number of restrictions dictated by military necessity and measures to preserve peace and order will have to be enforced. The reopening is conditional insofar as general navigation may be authorized to an extent where it will not interfere with military operations.

In reply to a question the spokesman said that the Yangtze would be open to trade, as well as to navigation, under certain restrictions. Foreign ships, as well as Japanese vessels, he said, would be permitted to carry cargo. Permission to navigate the Yangtze, he pointed out, cannot be granted to third party powers to assist guerilla operations or forces of the Chungking Government, nor can navigation be permitted if it interferes with Japanese military operatons.

Asked whether the number of ports would be restricted the spokesman said that preparations were now under way and that there was no complete decision on this matter as yet. It would probably be necessary to limit the number of ports, he added.

The spokesman could not say when the decision reached yesterday in Shanghai would take effect or how long it would be before the river would be reopened. He said that the preparation from now on would require quite a length of time but that the Japanese will endeavour to carry out the decision as soon as possible. There were various problems to be

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British Sub Sinks Enemy Cruiser

German Warship Protected By Six Destroyers at the Elbe River Estuary

London, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty announced at 10 o'clock this morning that the British submarine Ursula reports she sank a German cruiser of the Koeln class at the mouth of the River Elbe on Thursday. The cruiser, the announcement adds, was screened by six destroyers.

Reuter learns, on good authority, that this action has no connection with the reported attack on a German cruiser by the submarine which sighted the Bremen.

The cruiser Koeln, which has a displacement of 6,000 tons, has a complement of 571. She has two sister-ships, the Koenisberg and the Karlsruhe.

It is presumed that this is the class to which the Admiralty communique referred. Vessels of this class mount nine 5.9 inch and 3.5 inch guns and 12 torpedo tubes. They carry two aircraft and have a speed of 32 knots and a radius of 5,000 miles.—Reuter.

Acclaimed Great Feat

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 18.

The sinking of a German cruiser of the Koeln class by the British submarine Ursula is regarded in London as a great feat as the mouth of the River Elbe is exceptionally powerfully defended and the submarine would have had to pass through minefields.

No further details of the action are expected until the submarine Ursula returns to port.—Reuter.

Founders in Storm

London, Dec. 18.

Another Norwegian ship, the Jotun foundered off the coast of England after a long and exhausting battle with the elements. The entire crew was landed.

The captain declared that ever since leaving the coast of Norway, the ship had run into a veritable barrier of drifting matter and wreckage, including a life-boat carrying the inscription "London."—Havas.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

Oslo, Dec. 18.

The Norwegian ship Strindheim, of 460 tons, sank today off the east coast of England, probably the victim of a mine. Two members of the crew were saved and, along with the recovered body of the captain, were landed on the coast by the Norwegian ship Finse. Eight other members of the crew perished.—Havas.

British Steamer Sunk

London, Dec. 18.

Seventeen members of the crew of the British steamer Amble, which sank off the north-east coast of England Saturday after striking a mine, were landed safely yesterday.

The ship's boatswain, Henry Linle, was injured in the mine explosion and was rushed to a hospital as soon as the Amble's survivors were landed. He was thrown into the air by the explosion and landed against the forecastle on his head.

The crew of the ship suffered from exposure during the seven hours they spent in life boats awaiting rescue by a British warship. The Amble sank in 45 minutes. —United Press.

List Of U-Boat Prisoners

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 18.

For the fourth day in succession, the War Office today issued a list of U-boat officers and men who are prisoners in this country.—Reuter.

Finns Forced to Retreat On Northern Front

Everything Burned Before Advancing Red Army; Fierce Fighting; Heavy Soviet Casualties

Oslo, Dec. 18.

FIGHTING was resumed in the north of Finland today with the Finns apparently retreating in a southernly direction toward Pitajaervi burning everything behind them, the correspondent of the Norwegian agency reported from the Finnish border today. Finnish soldiers cut off from their respective units by the Russians, have crossed the Norwegian frontier to be disarmed and interned. Fighting in the north of Finland is said to be of a particularly violent nature. Meanwhile, contrary to certain reports, there has been no violation of the Norwegian border by Russian troops operating against the Finns in the North, the Norwegian General Staff announced today.—Havas.

Moscow, Dec. 18.

A communique issued here today declares: "Russian troops in central Finland have advanced about 82 miles from the frontier and have captured the village of Kuresu. In other sectors, only scouting and artillery action have taken place."

No mention is made in the communique of fighting on the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

Red Attacks Repulsed

Helsinki, Dec. 18.

Finnish troops yesterday repulsed the most violent attacks the Soviet Army has launched thus far against Finland's Mannerheim Line, the Finnish High Command announced last night.

Following an extremely heavy bombardment, the communique said, the Russians threw successive waves of troops against the main Finnish line of defence at three different places.

In one small segment of the Mannerheim Line, the communique said, Finnish forces destroyed thirty Russian tanks in the past two days. These included three 30-ton tanks, the communique said. Conditions in this sector were said to be typical of the entire front.

Meanwhile, the Finnish President, Mr. Kyosti Kallio, in a radio broadcast addressed to the Finnish Army, appealed to the "whole civilized world" to aid Finland with shipments of war materials.

He said he could not believe that the world would leave Finland to fight alone and reiterated Finland's determination to fight on in the face of Russian aggression even if such aid is not forthcoming.

Help Needed

"We are deeply grateful for the economic help and sympathy that have fallen to our lot," he said, "but everyone realizes that in modern war the decision lies with the instrument of defence suited to a nation's particular purposes."

Consequently, he said, Finland needs more help than she has obtained thus far.

"If our cause is the joint cause of the whole civilized world," he said, "we believe that the civilized nations cannot leave us to fight alone on this front.

"But even if that should be the true case, which we do not believe to be, the Finnish people cannot yield in the face of aggression for we understand that if the principles of justice are allowed to be trodden under foot by anarchy, then human life will be worthless and our ancient western civilization will have lost its most dependable cornerstone."—United Press.

Soviets' Lose 40,000 Dead

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.

Appalling losses were suffered by the Red Army invading Finland, the war correspondent of the "Niga Dagligt Allehanda" reported today. At least 40,000 Soviet soldiers fell dead in battle while a further 100,000 have suffered frozen limbs since the start of the conflict.

The newsman foreshadowed worse things to come for the Red Army because, as he pointed out, the ground is frozen too hard for the Reds to bury their dead, whom they are compelled to leave in the open.

When the snows melt, a terrible epidemic will set in as frozen bodies, artificially preserved, decompose and spread disease, he asserted.

Finnish soldiers, while outstandingly courageous, are beginning to show fatigue under the strain of constantly fighting against overwhelming odds, the correspondent stated. Military experts count on this, and the fact that Moscow is pouring fresh troops into Finland regardless of the losses, to decide the war.

Weight of numbers must have its final say, he declared.

The Finnish Command today ordered residents of Torner, near the Swedish frontier, to evacuate their homes, and the Swedes are awaiting an inflow of refugees, the "Niga Dagligt Allehanda" concluded.—Havas.

Finns Make Slow Advance

Helsinki, Dec. 17.

While outnumbered Finnish troops today continued to keep the Red Army at bay along all fronts where Red attacks were launched, Finnish soldiers in the Tolvajaervi region pursued their slow advance and engaged in fierce conflict with retreating Soviet defenders, a Finnish General Staff communique announced tonight.

Soviet air force units were active in the Petsamo area, the communique disclosed, and Finnish warcraft, too, carried out several flights, devoting their attention chiefly to bombing Red Army tank squadrons.

Three lumbering 30-ton tanks, huge monsters bristling with guns, were destroyed to the west of the Karelian

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R.A.F. Attacks Nazi Mine Bases

German Planes Repulsed In Flight Over Britain; One Bomber Shot Down

London, Dec. 17.

German bases of mine-laying seaplanes were bombed when R.A.F. "security patrol" planes flew over the Frisian Islands last night, it was reported today.

Results of the raids were not announced, but it was stated that since such patrol flights over German seaplane bases now are considered to be mere routine, in future they will not be reported each time.

The Air Ministry also announced this evening that German warplanes, long absent from over British coasts, again appeared late this afternoon. They caused no damage, however, for anti-aircraft guns immediately went into action, and with the approach of R.A.F. pursuit planes, the raiders turned tail and fled.—Havas.

Berlin Announces British Raid

Berlin, Dec. 18.

British bombers attacked German seaplane bases on the Frisian islands last night, the German High Command announced today.

A number of bombs were said to have been dropped, but all were alleged to have fallen into the ocean, causing no damage.—United Press.

German Planes Attack

London, Dec. 17.

Crowds massed along the British coast today watched a thrilling aerial fight just eight miles out to sea between R.A.F. planes and two German raiders which shortly before had bombed, machinegunned and sunk a British motor launch.

One of the Nazi warplanes was brought down with flames spouting from its engine. It crashed in full view of the crowds of the shore. A fishing boat meanwhile saved the survivors of the launch.—Havas.

Shot Down Over Netherlands

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.

A German warplane was shot down in flames near the town of Soesterberg today when it, together with other squadron mates, violated the Netherlands frontier and was fired upon by Dutch anti-aircraft batteries and patrol pursuit planes, it was reported tonight.

The German warcraft flew over central and eastern Netherlands at a high altitude and made off when fired upon.—Havas.

Two Women Die in Work For R.A.F.

464 Casualties Suffered Since War Began

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 18.

Two aircraft women have died on active service, the latest Air Ministry casualty list reveals.

The R.A.F. lists show there have been 464 casualties since the war began.

The names of three men previously reported missing are now listed as killed in action; two are reported missing, believed killed; 20 killed on active service; two missing believed killed on active service.

Eleven, including two aircraft women, have died on active service. —Reuter.

Raider Said Blown Up By Mine

"New York Times" Describes Sinking of Graf Spee

New York, Dec. 18.

A graphic account of the sinking of the Graf Spee is contained in the "New York Times" today quoting their Montevideo correspondent.

"Standing on the roof of a Montevideo hotel," he declares "I saw Capt. Langsdorf and other officers standing at attention in a launch, saluting as they watched their ship go down.'

"The commander pressed an electric button, as the red of the sun sank below the horizon, dyeing the sky a brilliant red."

"The button was on the end of a long cable leading to a mine planted in the magazine."

"She burned for over an hour," the correspondent concludes, "with explosions continuing to the end."—Reuter.

Japan's Self-Sufficiency In Aluminium Seen

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Japan's self-sufficiency in aluminium was envisioned today as it was announced that a method for the manufacture of the metal had been perfected by Dr. Yogoro Kato, Professor of the Tokyo Technical University.

Manufacture of the metal in commercial quantities by processing bauxite, an ore of which an inexhaustible supply was reported available in north China, with sulphuric acid had been achieved by Dr. Kato, it was stated.

By Dr. Kato's method, aluminium could be obtained as a by-product at ammonium-sulphate factories in Hopei and Chahar. A sufficient quantity could be manufactured, it was stated, to meet all of the aluminium demands in Japan. Aluminium, an important metal in Japan, up to the present, had been obtained by a method using bauxite imported from abroad.—Domei.

"Finland's Business is Our Business" Say Huge Posters in Stockholm

Rising Tide of Resentment All Over Scandinavia Against Aggression of Soviet Army

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

Reports coming in from various Scandinavian capitals show that public opinion there is reacting more strongly every day to Soviet Russia's aggression against Finland.

The advance of Soviet troops near the Swedish and Norwegian frontiers has caused uneasiness in these two countries at the prospect of this threat to their borders.

Public opinion is convinced that the oft mentioned 'Nordic solidarity should result in concrete assistance being given to Finland.

In Stockholm, huge announcements in newspapers state that "Finland's Business is Our Business" and give the addresses of offices for the enlistment of volunteers for Finland.

The first contingent of 2,000 Swedish volunteers is ready to leave for Finland. Meanwhile, a Swedish pilot fighting in Finland declared to a newspaper correspondent that his country was also threatened by Soviet Russia's aggression against Finland. The pilot, Capt. Rosg, added: "That is why I am here. By helping Finland I am serving my own country." —Havas.

Yangtze Reopening Said Probable

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solved and he was not in a position to forecast how soon the river would be opened.

Asked whether the foreign ships would be allowed to carry general cargo or would be restricted to the needs of foreigners in Nanking the spokesman replied that the restrictions would not be of that type, but will be dictated so as not to allow materials which could be used to assist the forces on Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to be transported on the river. Restrictions would also be placed on certain commodities which were required for the Japanese military campaign.

In reply to another question he said that the ban could not be lifted to include Wuhu because the matter had been studied and it was found inadvisable to extend the relaxation to Wuhu because of various military requirements. Asked if the proposed reopening was that envisaged by the requests of third party powers the spokesman said that since the prohibition of traffic had been dictated by military necessity any relaxation to this restriction has been decided by the Japanese military authorities on their own.

Appeasement

One correspondent asked if it would be incorrect to convey the impression that the reopening of the river was appeasement. In reply to this the spokesman stated that, as announced repeatedly, the Japanese Government intends to respect the trade rights of third party powers in China. The Japanese have repeatedly endeavoured to open the Yangtze to general navigation, providing there is no interference with military operations. The decision reached in Shanghai is a crystallization of these sentiments of the Japanese Government. Asked whether he thought the third party powers would be satisfied with this decision he said that he believed they would be satisfied in that they will realize that the Japanese authorities are endeavouring to do their best in the matter.

"In other words the answer to the appeasement question is no?" queried a correspondent. The spokesman answered that he did not consider it a political matter but rather a military one.

Regarding foreigners travelling on the river the spokesman said that it was a matter of principle and that the Japanese authorities feel that any traffic will have to be subject to restrictions in a way. He said that since the restrictions on navigation were to be lifted the restrictions on foreign residents in lower Yangtze ports will also be alleviated.

Some of the matters which would have to be attended to before river navigation was allowed were the removal of the Kiangyin boom and the replacing of river markers and aids to navigation which were removed by the Chinese, the spokesman said.

Britain Uninformed

An official of the British Embassy Offices in Shanghai yesterday told the "North-China Daily News" that no information had been received by the British authorities in connection with the proposed opening of the Yangtze below Nanking. He added that, as far as he knew British Embassy officials in Tokyo had been given to understand that there would be no relaxation of restrictions on the river for some time to come. If the report was correct, however, it would be welcomed by everyone.

Finns Forced to Retreat Said Probable

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Isthmus, the Finnish communique claimed. With all Soviet attacks repelled it was estimated that the two large units engaging in the offensive had suffered heavy casualties.

Red forces attempted today to cross the Svanto River in a determined drive, but were repell with losses. All Finnish land operations were successful in the Karelian Isthmus.

A total of thirty Soviet tanks was destroyed during the hot engagements yesterday and Friday, the communique added, while estimates on total Soviet tank losses since the start of the conflict claim 176 to have been rendered *hors de combat*. Havas.

Moscow Claims Advances

Moscow, Dec. 18.

A communique released here today claims that Soviet troops have advanced 46 miles south of Petsamo.

On the western front, Soviet units are said to have reached a point 81 miles from the frontier, in the Ukhta sector.—Reuter.

Moscow Denies War

Moscow, Dec. 17.

Despite foreign reports to the contrary, the official newspaper "Pravda" today insisted that there is no war in Finland and that Finland is not even threatened.

The article in which these categorical statements were included in the first Soviet official commentary on the League of Nations expulsion of Russia.

"The League allegedly examined the 'Finnish conflict'," the "Pravda," official organ of the Central Communist Committee, said. "But no such conflict exists.

"The Soviet Union is not waging war against Finland, which is not threatened, either."

France and Great Britain staged the Geneva show, according to this newspaper, only in order to dissimulate their own "imperialistic aims."

The U.S.S.R. has signed a treaty with the "Finnish Democratic Government" guaranteeing the Finnish people their independence and even "increasing their national territory," the "Pravda" continued.

In conclusion, it emphasized that Paris and London have "made of the League of Nations a weapon of war for their own use....Russia nevertheless will continue her policy of peace and assistance to the Finnish people." —Havas.

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Foreign Consuls Call on General Nishio

Mr. John Alexander, British Consul, and Mr. J. Hall Paxton, American Consul, paid their first formal call on General Toshizo Nishio, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces in China, at his Nanking headquarters on December 15. Seen in the photograph are: (left to right) Mr. Paxton, second from the left; Mr. Alexander and General Nishio.

Severe Blow to German Morale

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London, Dec. 18.

The German decision to scuttle the Graf Spee, rather than accept internment or risk a naval engagement, is the subject of considerable comment in the British press today.

The naval correspondent of "The Times" declares: "The Graf Spee has come to a less glorious end than the brave officer whose name she commemorated; there would have been full justification for submitting to internment.

"The maxim 'scuttle rather than surrender,' adopted by the German merchant ships, is understandable, since the ships would be lost to Germany anyhow," he adds, "but it is unthinkable that the application of that not very inspiring maxim in this case will appear either sensible or creditable."

"The Times" quotes a high British naval authority as saying that the fact that the German crew could not be brought to fight, and therefore went out and blew up their ship, was more humiliating than if they had submitted to internment.

"They have chosen an ignominious end," he is reported to have said.

Continuing, "The Times" declares: "The Germans were a brave race, and this would not have happened in the old German navy. The entire episode, humiliating for Germany, showed that the behaviour of the British ships was admirable, and has revealed to the world the vitality of the race."—Reuter.

Protest Foreseen

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.

Senor Leopoldo Melo, ex-president of the Argentinian delegation to the Conference of Panama and a widely-known legal expert, today declared his belief that the American governments would present a joint protest against the violation of territorial integrity that occured in the sea fight between the Admiral Graf Spee and units of the British navy last Wednesday.

Senor Melo pointed out that the Argentinian government had never recognized the international jurisdiction of a three-mile limit on the Rio de la Plata.—Havas.

New York, Dec. 18.

The "Herald Tribune," says "There will be a lot of hard explaining for Dr. Goebbel's (German Propaganda Minister) machine as the drama of the Graf Spee reaches its abrupt, ignominious end.

"There is nothing heroic about scuttling one's ship and it seems hardly in the German naval tradition of 25 years ago. There is no doubt about the completeness of the defeat.

"The Graf Spee was caught by patient tracking by the British Navy, run to earth by the dash and seamanship of theoretically weaker vessels and finally driven to commit suicide by the promptness and efficiency of the concentration brought against her. It was a neat job, done with dispatch and finality."—Reuter.

Swiss Public Interested

Berne, Dec. 18.

Public opinion in Switzerland is interested in the dramatic case of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The man in the street expressed the opinion that the German propaganda services, which did not hesitate to speak of a "German victory" have been flatly contradicted by facts.

The "Berner Tagwacht" says that the end of the warship was inevitable and is a serious loss to the German Navy.

"It is probable that the remaining ships of the same type will be hunted out of their refugees and destroyed like the Graf Spee," the paper added. —Havas

Chinese Shot Dead In Yu Ya Ching Rd.

An unidentified Chinese man was shot dead and a male Chinese passer-by wounded in the left foot during a shooting affray at the corner of Yu Ya Ching Road and Nanking Road at 8.35 p.m. yesterday. The dead man, who appeared to be about 30 years of age and who was dressed in foreign style clothes, was shot four times by his assassin or assassins. No visiting cards or any other means of identification were found on his body. The wounded man was taken to Lester Chinese Hospital. Detectives from Louza Station were still investigating the case and no details were available at an early hour this morning.

Zionist Leader Elected Head of British Jews

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 18.

The Zionist leader, Professor Zelig Brodetsky, has been elected President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in succession to Mr. Neville Laski, K.C.

Professor Brodetsky is a well-known mathematician, and since 1924 has been Professor of Applied Mathematics at the University of Leeds.—Reuter.

Japanese May Reopen Yangtze to Foreign Merchant Shipping

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understanding with America, are making a desperate attempt to convince America of their good faith by this announcement.

One Far Eastern expert commented to Reuter today: "We still want deeds. So long as the Japanese announcement remains merely an announcement, hedged round with the well-known loopholes of 'military necessity,' we will remain sceptical. If the Japanese, "however, do implement the announcement by gradually loosening the bonds that have hitherto shackled foreign trade on the Yangtze, we will revise our present understandable scepticism." —Reuter.

London Welcomes Announcement

London, Dec. 18.

The news that the Japanese are proposing to reopen the lower reaches of the Yangtze River is unanimously welcomed in London.

Shipping circles with interest in the Far East, however, state that they prefer not to hazard any comment on the effect of the Japanese decision until it is clear how the "restrictions" and 'conditions" that it is announced will qualify the reopening of the Yangtze River are to operate.

They declare that such reserve is only natural since it has hitherto been their experience that the restrictions enforced by the Japanese in the name of military necessity have tended to be used in such a way as to stifle foreign trade.

Should the promised reopening of the Yangtze, when it is implemented, really presage a gradual resumption of normal foreign trade, it is generally agreed that a considerable improvement in Anglo-Japanese relations should result.—Reuter.

James "Calamity" Basevi, the art director who put the earthquake in "San Francisco" and the hurricane in "Hurricane," turned the Goldwyn studio back-lot into a jungle at a cost of about $150,000 to put the glory into "The Real Glory."

IDEAL DIET FOR DIGESTIVE DISTURBANCES

The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

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Graf Spee Scuttled on Orders From Hitler

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All three pocket-battleships were built by German naval engineers with a view to escape the provisions of treaties binding the Reich not to build vessels displacing more than 10,000 tons. Therefore as much armament as absolutely possible was packed into ships of this tonnage.

The over-armed, under-armoured pocket-battleships as they came to be known, were the result.

Armament aboard the Graf Spee included six 11-inch guns, shooting shells each weighing one-third of a ton, and eight six-inch guns. Driven by Diesel engines, the vessel was capable of a maximum speed of 26 knots and had a range of action of 10,000 miles.

Its whereabouts became a mystery right after the outbreak of war and no Allied warship could catch up with the Graf Spee until Wednesday morning, when the guns of the Ajax and Achilles sounded its doom.—Havas.

Hitler Ordered Scuttling

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler personally issued the orders for the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee outside Montevideo harbour, it was announced here today.—United Press.

Gesture of Protest

It is reliably learned here that, prior to the departure of the Graf Spee from Montevideo, Captain Langsdorf sent a letter to the German Minister protesting bitterly against the Uruguayan Government's refusal to allow more time for repairs.

The Commander is reported to have declared that, in view of the Government's attitude and his responsibility for the lives of a thousand men, his only course was to save the crew, and blow up the vessel in the vicinity of Montevideo as a protest.—Retuer.

Flurry of Diplomatic Activity

Montevideo, Dec. 17.

A flurry of hurried diplomatic activity today preceded the departure of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee for its "burial ground" five miles off the Uruguayan coast this evening.

The British Minister, E. Millington-Drake, called on Foreign Minister A. Guani this morning and handed him a Note the contents of which were not revealed. Conferences then were held in Government House to decide the status and fate of the Graf Spee.

Senor Guani next conferred with War Minister General A.R. Campos and forwarded to him the Note handed over earlier in the day by the British envoy.

While the War Minister studied this Note, Senor Guani proceeded with a conference at the Chancellory with diplomatic representatives of the American republics who examined together the whole problem raised by Wednesday's naval encounter within the 300-mile neutrality zone proclaimed at Panama.

The conference, it was learned, was convened by request of the Ambassador of Brazil.—Havas.

Germany Admits 36 Killed

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Last night, for the first time, Germany admitted 36 men had been killed aboard the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee when she clashed with three British cruisers.

A German news agency stated that according to reports reaching the High Command, 36 of the Graf Spee's crew died in action, while six were seriously wounded and 53 lightly wounded.—Reuter.

Captain's Letter

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

Two terrific explosions of the ship's munitions stores tore gaping holes in her heavily armoured sides and the ship began to sink slowly and evenly until water rushed into the hold. The ship then listed sharply until her stern was under water. Minor explosions, believed to have been torpedoes, could be heard just before the ship sank.

The German Embassy last night issued copies of a letter written to the Uruguayan Government yesterday by the commander of the Graf Spee who said he saw no alternative but to sink his ship. The letter complained against the failure of the Uruguayan Government to permit the Graf Spee sufficient time to repair damages suffered in the naval battle with three British cruisers last week.

Immediately after the first explosions all available ships in the port here rushed to the spot where the Graf Spee was burning. Among the ships were the Uruguayan cruiser Uruguay and the Argentine gunboat Libertad.

Diplomatic quarters disclosed last night that German officials here refused to accept either internment of the Uruguayan ultimatum ordering the Graf Spee to leave Montevideo within 72 hours.

Off Shipping Line

Two tugs and one barge flying the Argentine flag approached the Graf Spee before the first explosion and withdrew to a safe distance before she sank. It was presumed they had helped take off the ship's crew and had brought dynamite to aid in blowing up the ship.

Hundreds of thousands of spectators watched the dramatic end of the German warship as she went down with flames and smoke pouring from her sides and turrets. The ship was scuttled five kilometres outside the harbour and off the main shipping lane so that it would not interfere with normal traffic in the River Plate estuary.

Before the Graf Spee sailed hammering could be heard going on inside the ship although welders working on new plates along her sides appeared to have finished their work.

Visibility was about 20 miles and a moderate breeze was blowing before the pocket battleship sailed.—United Press.

Cumberland Takes Part

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

Contrary to earlier reports which claimed that he had committed suicide, Captain Langsdorf, commander of the Admiral Graf Spee, was picked up together with his officers by a lifeboat from the Argentine cruiser Libertad near the spot where his scuttled ship sank.

The German tanker Tacoma picked up most of the members of the warship's crew, while a number of harbour vessels, privately-owned boats, and also the British warship H.M.S. Cumberland took part in the operations.

The entire proceedings took place amid an eery light caused by burning oil on the surface of the water, with the shadows of Allied warships playing on the water nearby.

As for the warship itself, from the moment the first explosion took place on board till the very minute she sank, British planes cruised over her but refrained from dropping bombs.

A few burning patches of oil on the sea is all that is left of the German warship and the only sign indicating the dramatic events of the past five days.—Havas.

Captain of Tacoma Arrested

The captain of the German steamer Tacoma has been arrested for taking the ship out of Montevideo without permission, according to the "New York Times." It is understood that the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee who were taken aboard by the Tacoma when the German pocket-battleship was scuttled are now interned.—Reuter.

Four Persons Die In Blaze

Four persons were burned to death and two Chinese women injured when fire broke out in House 3, Lane 820, Markham Road, shortly before 10.30 last night. The scene of the blaze was an old style Chinese house which was used as a part dwelling house and part celluloid lampshade factory. Three machines from Ichang Road fire station and two machines from Bubbling Well station responded to the alarm and managed to get the blaze under control in less than 25 minutes although the machines were still at the scene of the blaze at a late hour last night. The two injured women were taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, one suffering from burns of the face and back and the other suffocation.

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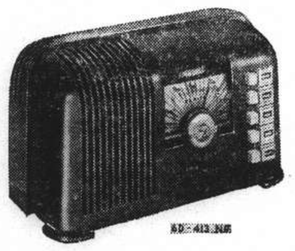

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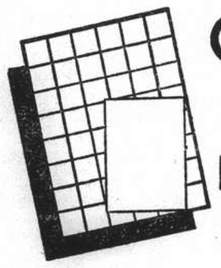

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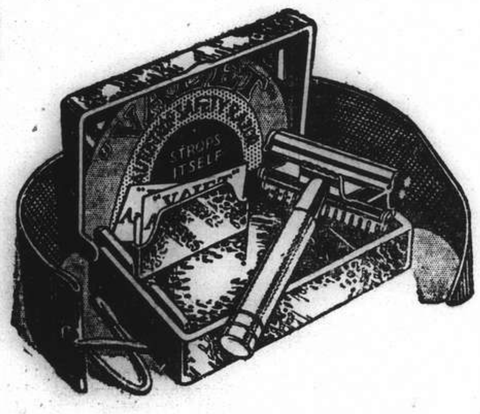

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THE reservation list for the Christmas tiffin of the Royal Air Force Association on Friday has been closed.

MR. and Mrs. W. Robt. Taylor are leaving today on the ss. President Cleveland for a few months in America.

THE Foreign "Y" Lecture Committee announces that Dr. S. H. Chao will speak today at 9 p.m. on the subject "The Modern Developments in Physics."

THE British Women's Association War Work Knitting Committee want to make it clear that the last day for taking wool for the Christmas recess will be tomorrow, the committee will be in attendance again on January 6.

MOLLY Hair of Penarth is 18 and a ballet dancer. She has given dances to entertain troops in the Woodlands Church Hall, Penarth but she may do so no longer—because the Committee which organized the entertainments "does not feel like accepting the responsibility of introducing ballet dancing to young soldiers."

POSSESSORS of long pedigrees do not always look the part, but Archbishop Mostyn, of Cardiff, did. A handsomer man has seldom worn the purple. A kindly simplicity was one of his most engaging assets. Slum children were completely at home with him, and he had a way with drunken sailors in Cardiff the police found helpful.

STALIN once gave M. Tanner a written promise never to invade Finland, out of gratitude for M. Tanner's part in saving the dictator's life. In 1905, when Stalin was, as a young revolutionary, being pursued by the Cossacks, M. Tanner sheltered him in his own home, even though it put his own life in danger, engineering his escape when the Cossacks had passed.

GRETNA Green has been reprieved. The Marriage (Scotland) Act 1939 was to have made runaway marriages there illegal after January 1, 1940, but Colonel Colville, Secretary for Scotland, has announced in the House of Commons that legislation is to be introduced to postpone the provisions of the Act from coming into force. To bring them into force at present would be inexpedient.

THE committee of the "Cradle" announce that the net proceeds of the bridge and mahjongg party held last Thursday was $203. They wish to thank the Shanghai International Bridge Club, Mr. Y. F. Hung and the Chocolate Shop for their kind assistance. The result of the "Cradle" Linen Room raffle was 1st prize, 171; 2nd, 123 and 3rd 22. Prizes may be collected from Mrs. W. Silvey, 208 Nanyang Road.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, December 16, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 19 and Chinese 592. Deaths from notifiable diseases were —Foreigners, Tuberculosis 2, Dysentery 1. Chinese, Tuberculosis, 39; Dysentery 17; Typhoid Fever 16; Diphtheria 5; Beri-beri 2 and Malaria, Typhus Fever 1 each.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending December 16, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 5 and Chinese 240. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Pneumonia 1 and Tuberculosis 1. Chinese, Tuberculosis 27; Dysentery 10; Pneumonia 6; Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers 4; Marsh Fever 2; Beri-beri 2 and Septicaemia, Diphtheria, Puerperal Fever 1 each.

THE result of the raffles drawn during the Knatty Knitters' Klub Bazaar are as follows:—picture, ticket 563; liqueur set, ticket 164; baby doll, cot and layette, ticket 424; Shetland shawl, ticket 271; doll's house, ticket 644; "Doc," ticket 634. These prizes can be claimed by applying to Mrs. S. E. Avery, 1171 Connaught Road. During the evening a small purse was found, same can be had by telephoning 33362. One lady's bag was lost, will finder please communicate with Mrs. J. G. F. Shotter, telephone 33362.

WORD has been received by the British Women's Association from Admiral Sir Percy Noble C. in C. of the China Station that knitted comforts are urgently needed for the men of H.M. Navy in eastern waters, and has requested that anything available be forwarded immediately to Hongkong. 800 articles which were awaiting dispatch will be sent. The Association are very glad to feel that they were able to meet the demand so promptly and this was made possible by the untiring efforts of its members.

SIR Herbert Creedy, who has just left the War Office after 38 years' service, has a large fund of good stories. One of them concerns A.R.P. in Whitehall. Returning from lunch one day he saw some fire-engines outside the War Office. He was told there had been a small fire, and he asked if the emergency staff knew their duties. "Yes," was the reply. Thinking to test the matter further, Sir Herbert stepped into the corridor and shouted "Fire!" at the top of his voice. In the twinkling of an eye two attendants came running from different directions, each carrying a kucket of coal!

ONE of the largest doll manufacturers in the country is dressing them in the uniforms of every one of the women's services. The most popular dolls at one of London's Toy Fairs are dressed as members of the A.F.S. or A.T.S. A gasmask is carried also by the up-to-date doll. Every kind of toy shows in some way the war influence. There are for little boys clockwork balloon barrages, miniature Bren gun carriers and tanks, and they will be playing soldiers this Christmas with a complete version of the Maginot Line equipped with poilus and artillery. There are also tin helmets with "Police" and 'Warden" on the front, and special constables' uniforms. The Red Indian outfit is being replaced by the uniforms of famous regiments or the battle dress of the Militia. Girls can dress up as nurses. For adults there is a new game called "Invasion," whilst other new games deal with A.R.P. "Attack and Defence" games are greatly fancied by children.

Americans Sued for Million and a Half

Tsingtao Residents Sued On Judgments Rendered by New York Supreme Court

Hearing of a civil suit in which Messrs. B. & W. Vorhaus, Inc., an American firm, seek a judgment for U.S.$63,458.27 together with interest at 6 per cent. on U.S.$40,618.49 from December 6, 1927, and interest at 6 per cent. on U.S.$22,839.78 from December 19, 1927, against Messrs. Henry J. Zimmerman and Alfred L. Zimmerman, American residents of Tsingtao, was opened before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday morning. At the present rate of exchange the claim amounts to approximately over a million and a half Shanghai dollars.

The plaintiffs' claim is based on judgments rendered in the New York State Supreme Court against the defendants for the sums of U.S.$40,618.49 on December 6, 1927, and U.S.$22,839.78 on December 19, 1927. Mr. C. S. Franklin appeared for the plaintiffs while Mr. Myron Wiener was counsel for the defence. When the judgments were given by the New York State Supreme Court in December, 1927, Mr. Lewis R. Breslauer was joint defendant with Messrs. Zimmerman but he is not mentioned in the present claim as he does not come under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court for China.

During yesterday morning's hearing Mr. H. J. Zimmerman was questioned by Mr. Franklin on a contract he was alleged to have signed on behalf of H. J. Zimmerman and Co., covering the shipment of furs and skins to New York. Mr. Zimmerman who was doing business with B. & W. Vorhaus, Inc., said Mr. Franklin, and the contract stated that Mr. Breslauer was the duly accredited attorney representing Mr. H. J. Zimmerman and his brother in the United States. The witness said he did not remember but presumed that it is correct. The witness could not recall whether a draft on the Chase National Bank was accepted by him in Tientsin.

Questioned by Mr. Wiener, the witness stated that Mr. Breslauer had never acted as his personal attorney. The hearing was adjourned until both sides had taken further depositions.

House Wreckers Still Busy

1,000 Coolies at Work in War-Torn Chapei

The scrap iron and cement collecting work is still going on in the war-torn Chapei, according to a Chinese report. More than 1,000 coolies are being employed for demolishing flimsy or partially-destroyed structures in order to obtain scrap iron, bricks and cement. The iron is sent to Hongkew and Yangtzepoo whence it is transported to Japan, it is stated. Thousands of tons of iron have thus been collected.

At present, it is asserted, that there are still many concrete structures in the native city and therefore the coolies are still hard at work. The cement which they obtain by demolishing concrete structures is ground and sold. The steel network inside the concrete beans is removed and sent to Hongkew and Yangtzepoo by trucks.

Valesby Violin Recital Fixed for Tonight

The violin recital tonight in the American Women's Club of 17-year-old Leonora Valesby, who recently played as soloist with the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra with success, promises a particularly interesting programme. The first part will be dedicated to Tartini's Sonata in which the greatest importance is laid on the violin itself. There will be the famous "The Devil's Trill." Next will follow the Prelude of a Solo Sonata by J. S. Bach, was originally without any accompaniment, but Kreisler has written a highly interesting piano accompaniment to it.

The second part of the programme is dedicated to Romance and includes romances of different styles. Firstly there is the classic Romance in F.Op. 50 by Beethoven. It is followed by the Romance Op. 42 (Bruch) and then the "Poème" by Chausson, master of modern times. The third the final part of the concert is composed of dance melodies that were written for the violin. Hayden comes first with a graceful minuet. This is followed by "Pavane." (Peacock dance), a Landler, Slavonic dances and a Hungarian dance.

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S.M.P. Constables Freed in Chapei

Council Men, Pistols and Ammunition Are Returned After One Month

After nearly one month's detention, the two Chinese constables of the Shanghai Municipal Police who were seized by Japanese in the "Robison Road incident," were released yesterday afternoon in Chapei and were returned to the International Settlement.

Freedom came to the two men at 3 p.m., when they left the Chinese court established by the "reformed" government in Chung Shan Road, western Chapei. They had appeared before a judge of the court on Saturday, and yesterday they were given into the keeping of Capt. H. M. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and Mr. C. Akagi, Special Deputy Commissioner, who accompanied them back to the Settlement. At the same time their service pistols, with the ammunition they contained when the men were seized, were returned.

The incident occurred on November 19 in Robison Road near Penang Road. Probationary Sergeant J. O. Egeberg, Danish, the two constables and a Chinese woman searcher were "arrested" by Japanese gendarmes after a brush with "Special Municipality" police over the searching of a Chinese on a trolley bus. Several shots were fired from the rifles of the "Municipality" policemen, and Sergeant Egeberg was beaten with rifle butts. The Danish policeman and the woman searcher were released after five hours detention, but the two Chinese constables were kept and were finally taken to the court premises in western Chapei.

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Rice Shop Looters Sentenced

Prison Terms Imposed But Suspended; Five Gangsters Sent to Gaol

It was reported in the Chengtu Road neighbourhood on Sunday that one of the looters who participated in the raid on the San Mow Rice Shop on Saturday had subsequently died of his injuries. This man, however, was one of the 12 rice rioters brought before the First Special District Court yesterday when he received a suspended prison term sentence of three months. Eight other men and a woman arrested in connection with the rice riots in the Chengtu Road district were similarly punished. All the prison terms were suspended for two years and consequently they were released.

It was at first wrongly reported that the man La Lee-tao had died of injuries during the riot. That was the report circulated on Sunday in the neighbourhood of the San Mow Rice Shop in Chengtu Road which would have been completely wrecked had it not been for the presence of the Chengtu Road police. A big crowd broke into the shop before its assistants could close the doors and stole 40 bags of flour and some rice before the officers arrive to arrest one woman and four men.

An hour later, at about 11.30 a.m., a riot was staged in front of the Yu Sung Rice Shop at 191 Taku Road and the prompt arrival of police prevented the mob from grabbing the grain being unloaded from a truck there. One of the men was arrested. Another rice hong also in Taku Road was saved by the Chengtu Road police who arrived in time to prevent the rioters from doing their job. Four men were taken into custody.

Two rioters who were arrested also on Saturday by the West Hongkew police were given suspended sentences by the same court. Although they did not participate in any riots, five gangsters were found by the police to have extorted $50 from a rice shop in Seymour Road. The ringleader drew seven months while his accomplices were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Aged Japanese Woman Found Dead

Grandchild Carried on Her Back Also Killed

Two days after their disappearance from home, Mrs. Soyu Moriuchi, 79, and her grandson, Hiroshi, two years old, were found dead near a creek east of the Kiangwan Race Cource at 10.30 o'clock on Sunday morning, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Japanese authorities investigating the case tended to believe that the death was accidental, the newspaper said.

It was believed that Mrs. Moriuchi, while of unsound mind, strayed far away from home. Stumbling on the creek bank, she was killed by hitting her head, the "Mainichi" said. Her grandson, whom she was carrying on her back in Japanese fashion, died of cold and hunger.

Mrs. Moriuchi, left the home of her son, Mr. Rinzo Moriuchi, an employee of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Company, on Scott Road, early on Friday.

Woman Injured Under Bus in Avenue Foch

A Chinese woman was critically injured shortly before 10 a.m. yesterday when she was knocked down by a bus in Avenue Foch near the corner of Chengtu Road. She suffered head injuries and was taken in a Fire Brigade ambulance to Paulun hospital.

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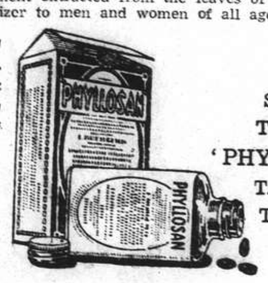

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Abnormal Conditions Affect Drug Control

S.M.C. Shelves Scheme, Awaits Better Days

The Health Committee and the Municipal Council have given lengthy consideration to the possibility of re-introducing the formerly abandoned project for the control of drugs and poisons and the licensing of pharmacies, and the Council has reluctantly been compelled to the conclusion that effective control by licensing is not practicable at the present time, by reason of the disturbed political conditions and the difficulty during a time of financial stringency in meeting the heavy cost involved in any scheme of control that could be regarded as adequate.

In the course of consideration of the problem, lengthy representations were received from organizations representative of Chinese-operated pharmacies and Chinese manufacturers of Western medicines, maintaining that they already operate in accordance with Chinese laws and other Government regulations and are subject to the Chinese courts and that, therefore, further control by the Council would be a superfluous measure.

Collaboration Needed

It was considered that the problem involved the greater Shanghai area as a whole and that truly effective control must therefore necessitate the joint collaboration of the several administrative authorities concerned. Whilst the present abnormal situation in Shanghai and its environs persists, effective collaboration could not be achieved. A further material factor militating against effective control is the difficulty under prevailing conditions of adequately regulating the access of drugs and poisons to Shanghai and its environs.

Sinza Road Factory Swept by Flames

Chemical Works Badly Damaged in Blaze

A serious fire swept the New Asiatic Chemical Works, 1095 Sinza Road, early yesterday afternoon, damaging the building and contents badly. Fire engines from two stations, Sinza and Central, were called to the scene and it was estimated that the flames raged out of control for 55 minutes after the alarm was given. Altogether the firemen spent well over two hours in extinguishing the fire.

On the first floor, the walls and contents were badly damaged. The second floor and roof also suffered heavily. There were no casualties despite the nature of the premises involved.

Filipino Charged With Escape

The U.S. District Attorney, Mr. Leighton Shields, yesterday filed a formal charge against Benjamin Teodoro, alias Bernardo Teodoro, 28-year-old Filipino, for feloniously escaping from the custody of the U.S. Marshal on September 9 while he was being detained for questioning on a narcotic charge. Teodoro will face the United States Court at 10 a.m. Friday.

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German Policy Runs Against The Grain in Italy

British Press Discusses Significance of Speech By Count Ciano; New York Paper's Comment

London, Dec. 18.

COMMENTING on the speech delivered in Rome two days ago by Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, the press here today declared that Italy intends to reserve her attitude for every eventuality. Several papers pointed out that it was revealed by implication in the speech that Germany had already decided upon war early last August, believing that the democracies would not fight for Poland and hoping that the German-Soviet pact would have the effect of a thunderbolt.

"It is plainly revealed," the "Daily Telegraph" says, "that not all the recent revolutions of the Rome-Berlin axis have been frictionless at Rome. The invasion of Poland and the conclusion of the Soviet-German pact went very much against the grain in Italy. To his honour, be it granted that Il Duce exerted himself to prevent the Polish-German war. The blame for the German-Soviet pact, Count Ciano lays on the democracies. Had they ignored Russia, he argued, Germany would have had a well-founded reason for doing the same. What Count Ciano does not attempt to explain, however, is what well-founded reason Germany can have for keeping her ally in the dark on such a fundamental article of policy."

"That Italy should be content to wash her hands of the consequences hardly seems an adequate reaction to such an act of duplicity," the paper added. "In short Italy's policy is to keep open for herself all possibilities, while avoiding the "independent road," as Virginio Gayda put it, which Germany has chosen to take."—Havas.

New York Comment

New York, Dec. 18.

The speech delivered in Rome two days ago by Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is a document clearly proving Germany's responsibility for the present conflict in Europe the "New York Times" stated this morning.

Count Ciano's statement concerning Italy's desire to arbitrate in the German-Polish dispute "precisely because it emanates from a source friendly to Germany, does perhaps more harm to the German cause than the series of reports made by Sir Nevile Henderson, the former British Ambassador to Germany," the paper added.

"These revelations definitively weaken the structure laboriously erected by Germany to present her cause in reply to the British White Paper," the "New York Times" concluded.—Havas.

Rice Body Formed, Raids Cease

Japanese Army Cereal Still Has Not Reached Shanghai as Promised

There was a slight improvement in the general rice situation here yesterday when the retail price of the vital foodstuff dropped to $40 a picul for *kan mee* and $34-$35 for *see mee*. Three shiploads of Saigon rice arrived in Shanghai, with a total of 35,000 bags. But no rice came in from the producing areas round the lower Yangtze except trivial amounts "sneaked" through military lines. At the same time the cheap rice promised last Tuesday by the Japanese army failed to materialize, and the Japanese army spokesman at yesterday afternoon's Japanese press conference was uninformed about its fate.

The day was free from raids on rice shops. In the morning a number of the participants in Friday's and Saturday's disturbances appeared in the First Special District Court, as did some alleged racketeers arrested for extortion and intimidation of rice-shop owners.

In the industrial field, all the important strikes had been settled except those at the Ewo Brewery and the Chinese Aluminium Rolling Mills, Ltd., both in Yangtszepoo.

Readjustment Body Formed

With the first grade rice still sold at $40 per picul (maximum), concerted action was taken yesterday by Chinese bankers and civic leaders, including most of the Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council, to cope with the rice shortage and profiteering which has caused many riots to occur during the past few days. The Shanghai Foodstuffs Readjustment Association was formed by the civic leaders fully supported by the bankers.

Two important meetigs were held yesterday afternoon by bankers and civic leaders to discuss the situation. At one meeting, seventeen prominent Chinese, including all Chinese members of the Council except Mr. L. T. Yuan, were elected to serve on the committee of the association, the aim of which is to purchase Saigon rice collectively by public bodies, factories and commercial houses, which may register with the association.

It was learned last night that the directors of the new organization will meet tomorrow after which registration applications will be accepted. Mr. Li Wen-chieh, a committeeman who was elected to draft the regulations of the Association to devise measures for buying foreign rice, has finished his work. He made a report on his work at yesterday's meeting of civic leaders which was held in the Shanghai Bankers Club. The regulations were adopted.

Bankers Also Meet

A separate meeting was held by Chinese bankers in the afternoon. The bankers were previously approached by members of the committee for financial assistance as the money needed for buying foreign rice must be advanced. The bankers decided to give full support to the new organization. Although no official statement was issued as to the exact amount of money needed it was learned that the bankers might first advance $500,000.

The Shanghai Rice Market was opened yesterday but there were a few buyers. Rice shop managers still hesitated to place orders for more rice and the situation was reported to be alarming in the eyes of the executives of the market. It is understood that they will meet and seek to persuade shop managers to place orders. It was also reported that the dullness in the market might be due to some merchants manipulating the market. Most rice shops in the city transaced their business through small openings yesterday, having closed their main doors.

China Clipper to Reach U.S. on Christmas

Manila, Dec. 18.

In an effort to land thousands of Christmas cards and presents from the Far East to the United States in time for Christmas, the China Clipper probably will take off at dawn on Wednesday in order to arrive in San Francisco December 24 (Dec. 25, Shanghai time).

The China Clipper left for Hongkong today and returns here tomorrow. The Honolulu Clipper is to arrive on December 21 and will leave for San Francisco on December 25, arriving there on December 30, Shanghai time.

The Philippines Clipper is to arrive here on Christmas Day and the California Clipper is expected on January 1.—United Press.

Sanyo Maru Released From the Downs

Japanese Guarantee Said Accepted by Authorities

London, Dec. 17.

After compliance with British contraband control measures, the 8,000-ton Japanese ship Sanyo Maru was released today from a control base in the Downs after a stay of only 24 hours, it was officially announced.

The Sanyo Maru, for some time publicised as a "test ship" since it is carrying cargo of German origin, actually is transporting German tools and potassium for which Japan paid prior to November 27, according to Tokyo's given word to the British authorities.

By the terms of the Order in Council issued when Allied control was instituted over all exports of German origin, since the cargo had been paid for prior to November 17, it was considered to be of Japanese ownership. Therefore only the routine inspection was carried out to see that no German goods not included in Tokyo's guarantee was carried.—Havas.

Pilot Training Plans Reach March 1943

Mr. Mackenzie King on Canada's Part

Ottawa, Dec. 18.

Commenting on the agreement reached yesterday between Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain for the training of Dominion pilots, the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, in a radio address today, stated that the accord was in force until March 31, 1943, but could be lenghtened or reduced in time by mutual consent. The preliminary expenses of the plan will amount to $600,000,000 Canadian money.

Besides the twenty air-fields already existing in Canada, 60 more will be built, as well as 67 training schools. 40,000 officers and men will be needed for the instruction of the students, most of whom will be Canadians. About one-fifth of the pilots from New Zealand and Australia will receive their final training in Canada.—Havas.

Eight Men Injured as Pile-Driver Falls

Eight Chinese coolies were more or less seriously injured yesterday morning in the collapse of a pile-driver at which they were engaged, at the corner of Kungping Road and Broadway East, in Wayside.

THE blackout, as Sir John Anderson told the House of Commons this week, is beating the burglar, and the reasons are curious. Burglars can no longer tell the difference betweem empty houses and occupied ones. In several cases they have broken into well-lighted rooms! And if they did hit on the right house, they cannot show a light in it without attracting unwelcome attention. They do not like clambering about roofs and high walls in the dark. The stealing of motorcars to carry out quick jobs has proved dangerous too. Patrol may run out or accidents happen, and the bandits are not anxious to kill people in the dark. During the first few weeks of the blackout there was an amazing scarcity of crime, and the C.I.D. were free to help in the heavy task of preparing statements for the enemy alien tribunals. There was hardly any interruption of the work of compiling records. One of the commonest petty crimes now is bicycle stealing. The petrol shortage has made them easier than ever to dispose of.

Severe Communist Riot In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 17.

One Communist rioter was killed and several more injured today in Split, on the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia, when the police were compelled to open fire on the rowdies. There were several hundreds of the Red demonstrators in the streets of Split at the time of the incident. Order was restored after the disciplinary action taken by the police.—Havas.

Two hundred and fifty extras got a taste of early Christmas shopping recently when they worked in scenes for Paramount's "Remember the Night." The Barbara Stanwyck-Fred MacMurray film, which Mitchell Leisen is directing, was working on a festive street scene. Fur coats, heavy autumn clothes, snow, holly wreaths, and the season's first Santa Claus lent authenticity to the scene. Only item at odds with the general scheme of things was the thermometer, which topped the 85 mark.

Public School for Girls Give Christmas Plays

"Mother Goose and Santa Claus"; "King Sneezles"

A gaily chattering audience of fathers and mothers, uncles, aunts and cousins, and, of course, the children themselves, filled the auditorium of the Yu Yuen Road public School for Girls yesterday evening when two Christmas plays were presented to mark the end of the Christmas term. Such happy gatherings are a great feature of the festive season in Shanghai. Christmases may be gay or otherwise, peaceful or warlike, but these end-of-term performances are perennial and give an assurance that "life goes on" as the saying is. Probably among the audience were parents who had been children playing on the stage themselves not so many years ago.

The cast of the first play, which was performed by the little ones, was as follows:

"Mother Goose and Santa Claus"

Santa Claus .....Persis Khambata
Mother Goose .....Marjorie Quayle

MOTHER GOOSE FAMILY

Jack .....Ingrid Carlson
Jill .....Betty Barr
Daffy Down Dilly .....Joyce Wolnizer
Humpty-Dumpty .....Joan Crawley
Bo-peep .....Doreen Bauld
The Jolly Miller .....Evelyn Thorbecke
Jack Horner .....Lorna Coxall
The Sky Sweeper .....Bunty Mathew
Polly Flinders .....Margaret Sykes
Boy Blue .....Elli Trolle
Little Miss Muffet .....Moira Charters
Mistress Mary .....Recky Moosa
Tom Tucker .....Karin Thorbecke
King Cole .....Fira Goldwasser
Little Child .....Christine Eggo

The play brought in very delightfully all the nursery rhyme characters. The sweet childish voices and the old jingles were very refreshing. Where all were so charming, Bo-Deep, mother Shipton and Little Miss Muffet were specially noteworthy perhaps, probably because of their millinery! Santa Claus and Mother Goose sustained their parts admirably.

"King Sneezles"

Slightly older ladies were the performers in the second play, the players being:

King Sneezles .....Zena Goodman
Princess Yolande .....Margaret Sim
Prince of the Golden Isles Annie Archer
Funko .....Barbara Croft
Solfarino .....Margaret Mitchell
Jester .....Joyce Bridges
Herald .....Patsy O'Connell
The Executioner .....Irene Miller
Pages .....Fern Horn, Eileen Mitchell
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King Sneezles is taken with a chronic complaint, a perpetual sneeze, which causes him to lose his temper, and incidentally, his subjects their heads. To the man successful in finding a cure he offers his daughter's hand in marriage; to those who fail, decapitation. The Prince of the Golden Isles effects his cure—a bearded object to start with, but later, sans beard and gloomy garments, he becomes to the satisfaction of all a lovely gentleman indeed and all ends happily with an Ode of Joy.

The play was excellently performed, the children's elocution being particularly clear and good. Costumes in both plays were very attractive and made a very pretty spectacle and for these pretty costumes the programme rendered thanks to the A. D. C.

British Diplomat Said Held in Germany

Ship on Which He Was Travelling Detained

Moscow, Dec. 18.

Mr. Gordon Vereker, Acting Counsellor of the British Embassy at Moscow since 1937, is presumed to have been detained in Germany following the interception by a German warship of the steamer in which he was travelling on his way to England.

Mr. Vereker, who is well-known in Peiping, where he was on the staff of the British Embassy for several years, left Moscow for Tallin ten days ago.

At Tallin he went aboard an Estonian steamer which was to take him to Stockholm.

The steamer in which he was travelling was later intercepted by a German warship and ordered to go to the German port of Swinemunde, where Mr. Vereker is reported to have been taken ashore.

Mr. Vereker was on his way to England to receive his appointment as British Minister to Bolivia.—Reuter.

Municipal Orchestra

Rendered on Sunday at Lyceum Theatre

Overture to "Tancredi" .....Rossini
5th symphony, "From the New World" .....Dvorak
Suite, "Ma Mere l'Oye" .....Ravel
Tone-poem, "Death and Transfiguration" .....Strauss

This season's orchestral concerts at the Lyceum Theatre seem to have produced a steady alternation of good performances and not so good. This impression may be borne of a faulty memory but the last two concerts support the theory, for last Sunday's was as fine as the preceding week's was poor.

The symphony's luscious beauty was most pleasingly portrayed. This annual memory test for Professor Foa always goes well and leads one to speculate how much of its repeated excellence is due to the fact that it is conducted without score. Probably quite a lot; for without the need of constantly glancing at the score a nimbler conducting and specially responsive orchestra, as on this occasion, results. It is unfortunate that memorizing a score is such a difficult feat.

Ravel's masterpiece, "Ma Mere l'Oye," a piece of sheer delight, was equally as satisfying as the symphony. This suite deserves a more frequent presentation here, not only because of its musical qualities but also because it is ideally instrumented for the orchestra.

Not so Strauss's "Death and Transfiguration" which is too large a composition for a supremely successful local performance, good though this one was. The second harp was missing and the percussion instruments were undermanned. It is rather absurd to expect a tympanist to sustain a roll on the drums for several bars and simultaneously to sound the gong on the first bar of each. The "transfiguration," also, was not as elevating as it might have been by reason of a deficiency of strings. For no matter how brilliant the brasses are, the rising phrase that closes this work and that speaks so expressively of the soul's glorification must require a full, soaring volume of violin-tone.

The overture proved to be by no means as suitable a concert piece as the "Silken Ladder," an earlier "first performance" of this season. There is a short infroduction for strings, followed by a section for woodwind alone, then some attractive tunes from the opera and, to end, bars and bars of the tonic chord, the type of ending that denotes more exuberance than discrimination.—c.

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German Protest Expected

Graf Spee's Commander Wrote Strong Letter Of Complaint

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

A vigorous German protest was expected because of Uruguay's refusal to extend the 72-hour time limit granted the Graf Spee to repair the damage caused by shells fired by three British light cruisers last Wednesday and Thursday.

Throughout the night the mass of twisted steel blazed. The flames lit up the superstructure, which could be seen six miles from Montevideo.

Captain Langsdorff boarded an Argentine Navy launch, which took some officers and members of the crew. The launch left for Buenos Aires. Some 350 members of the crew were transferred to the German freighter Tacoma, which returned to the Montevideo harbour at midnight.

The Uruguayan Government planned to intern the German sailors for the duration of the war unless Germany could convince it that the men should be classed as ordinary shipwrecked mariners aboard the Tacoma.

Allied Warships Sail Away

Boats arriving here today reported that some of the Allied warships formerly gathered outside the harbour had already departed to resume patrol duty in the south Atlantic.

The exact means used for destroying the Graf Spee were kept secret, although there were varied reports saying that time bombs, electrically exploded mines and mines set off by remote control resulted in the destruction.

Captain Langsdorff, it was announced sent a letter to the German Minister, Dr. Otto Langmann, before leaving for Buenos Aires.

The skipper of the Graf Spee protested against the refusal of the Uruguayan Government to extend the time limit to the requested fifteen days on the grounds that:

1. The Hague Convention covers repairs to belligerent ships in neutral ports.

2. The official Uruguayan naval commission examined the Graf Spee and saw that her fighting power had suffered little whereas her seaworthiness was materially impaired.

Pressure Suspected

3. The crew did its utmost to repair the damage but the time was insufficient and also the fact that Customs officials halted civilian workers for several hours.

4. The Cabinet's decision not to allow further shelter was a "flagrant violation of the aspirations for the humanization of warfare" guiding the Hague Convention.

5. The discrepancy between the friendliness of the Uruguayan people and the action of the Government led to supposition that pressure was exercised "by an interested party."

5. Though he (Capt. Langsdorff) did not recognize the justice of the Uruguayan Government's decision he had abided by the time limit.

Meanwhile, it seemed certain that the Governments of the American countries, including the United States, would immediately make an effort to prevent the staging of another naval battle within the security zone outlined in the Panama declaration.

Negotiations regarding such a move were reported to have been started already.

Rumour of Protest

London, Dec. 18.

The German wireless announces that the Reich has handed a sharp Note of protest to Uruguay alleging "flagrant breach of international law in failing to allow the Admiral Graf Spee adequate time for effecting repairs."—Reuter.

Thanks for Sympathy

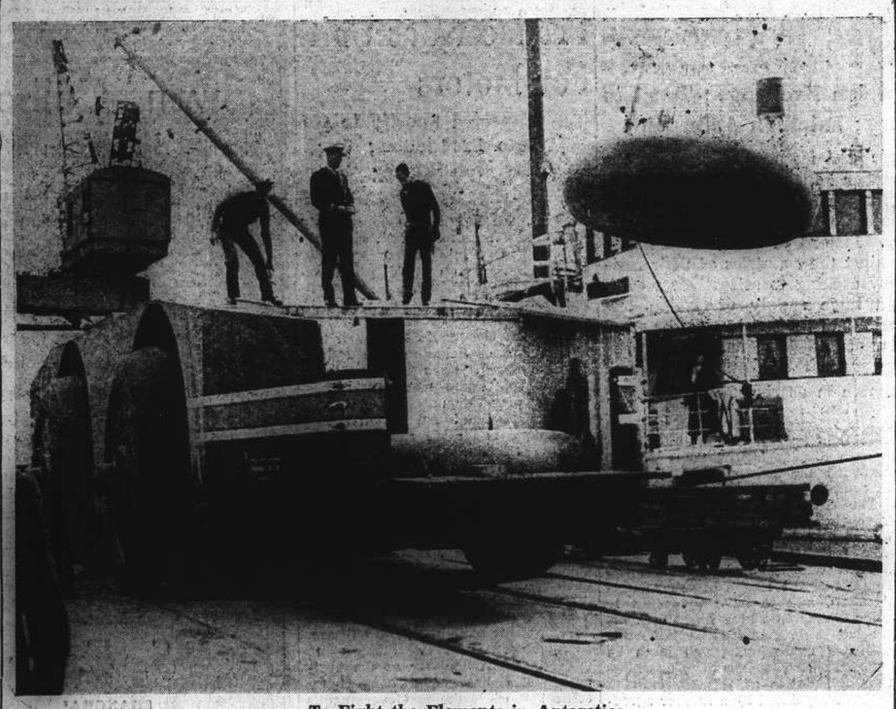
Montevideo, Dec. 18.

Before the Admiral Graf Spee sailed out of Montevideo harbour this morning on its last voyage, the captain, through a letter to the German Minister, thanked the Uruguayan people for their demonstrations of sympathy and their expressed concern over the dead and wounded.

Captain Langsdorf, the commander, wrote another note, this time to the Uruguayan authorities protesting against their refusal to allow the German raider to remain in the port.

In his report of the battle, he said: "I opened fire on the British cruiser after the enemy had opened fire on me" and added that he realised that the British government recognised only the three-mile territorial limit, and not the 300-mile "safety belt" of the Panama Conference.—Havas.

SPEAKING at Dundee Rotary Club on the need for increased food production at home, Mr. Tom Johnston, M.P., Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence for Scotland, said that a new dish, venison sausages, had been evoked. He had with him a box containing a pound of the sausages made by a butcher in South Queensferry. It was the first supply of venison sausages. They had been tested and found very edible. He believed they could be sold at eightpence a pound. Mince of the same quality could also be retailed at eightpence a pound. They were hopeful that "Macon," would begin almost immediately to be an economic possibility.



To Fight the Elements in Antarctica

No, this is not a giant tank being dismantled prior to seeing action at the front. It is merely the snow cruiser which Rear-Admiral Richard Byrd is taking along on his new Antarctic expedition. The crew of the North Star are seen safely putting the various parts of the giant vehicle away prior to the long journey at the end of which this experimental contraption will have to prove its worth.

Chinese Re-enter Kaifeng

Japanese Munition Dumps, Supplies Set on Fire in Surprise Attack

Chungking, Dec. 18.

"Chinese troops again entered Kaifeng, capital of Honan Province, yesterday morning," states a Chinese field dispatch from the Honan front.

It claims that Chinese troops launched a surprise attack on Kaifeng on the night of December 16, entering the city in the following morning.

"Over 20 fires were started when the Chinese set fire to Japanese munition dumps, supplies and puppet offices," the Chinese dispatch claims. It adds that Chinese troops engaged the Japanese garrison in street fighting, which was still proceeding yesterday evening.

Canton-Hankow Railway Attacked

Chinese troops raided Yochow, a railway station on the Canton-Hankow Railway, on the night of December 15, according to a Chinese report.

Another Chinese detachment is said to have attacked Tingszechiao, a strategic railway station on the same railway, in south Hupeh, yesterday morning.

Japanese Aircraft Raid Szechuen

Chungking, Dec. 18.

For the first time in nearly one month, the air-raid alarm was sounded here this morning, when 62 Japanese aircraft headed up-river from Hankow, flying in two groups. Japanese bombers were preceded by a lone scouting aeroplane which crossed the Szechuen border, cruising in the vicinity of Wanhsien before returning down-river.

The first group of Japanese bombers passed Yuyang and bombed Laifeng, near the Hupeh-Hunan border, according to Chinese reports. The second group of 26 planes entered Szechuen, it is reported, and bombed Liangshan, northeast of Chungking, west of Wanhsien.

It is learned that 36 Japanese bombers also attempted to come up-river yesterday morning but turned back at Shasi in view of bad weather conditions.—Reuter.

Munition Dumps Destroyed

Taiyuan, Dec. 18.

Chinese munitions dumps at Kwantimiao, 20 km. east of Siahsien in Shansi, were destroyed on Saturday as Japanese Army forces followed up an onslaught against between 20,000 and 30,000 Chinese troops on Friday in the Chugchiao Mountains.

Nearly 2,000 bodies of Chinese soldiers were found by Japanese forces while pursuing the Chinese troops who were retreating to areas along the Yellow River. Three Japanese detachments, meanwhile, pushed south of Liuhwachen in southwestern Shansi Province on Saturday, advancing to 10 km. southwest of Lieuhwachen by noon the same day.

One group of Japanese troops attacked the enemy's rear positions, another pushed from Hsuluyu to Howangtsun and a third unit rushed southward from Anlutsun. A fourth detachment advancing from Takiochen, routed a group of Chinese massed in the area northwest of Kwanchwang.

Meantime, the retreat of the Chinese troops was cut off by Japanese forces which advanced to area about seven kilometres northeast of Chianghsien in southwestern Shansi. In co-operation with ground forces, Japanese Army aircraft raided enemy concentrations at Howangtsun and Lichatsun.

Concentration of thousands of Chinese troops in the Chungchiao Mountains was believed to have been preparatory plans of the 14th and 15th Armies to launch the so-called "winter offensive."—Domei.

French Line Meets Pan-American

Lisbon, Dec. 18.

A tri-motored plane of Air France arrived today in Lisbon, inaugurating the air-line between France and Portugal. The new line has been established in co-operation with the Pan-American Airways, which connects New York and Lisbon daily, save on Sundays.—Havas.

Dempsey Says Louis Now Unbeatable

Manila, Dec. 18.

There is no fighter at present who can dethrone Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight titleholder here to referee the middleweight bout between Ceferino Garcia and Glen Lee December 23, said today.

Dempsey said that he believed the Garcia-Lee clash would be a thriller while it lasted.

"Garcia," Dempsey commented "is a great fighter, but Lee is also tough. He is a better fighter than many people think. I saw him fight Fred Apostoli twice and he proved he is tough."

He did not believe that Armstrong could beat Garcia.

"Garcia is a better fighter as a middleweight than he was as a welterweight, when he had to reduce continually to make the weight," Dempsey said.

"I believe he is too big and powerful for Armstrong now and if they were to meet I would put my money on your Garcia in spite of the fact that Armstrong whipped him twice."—United Press.

Aluminium Coins For Germany

Berne, Dec. 18.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" announced today that the Reichsbank will shortly place 50 pfennig aluminium coins into circulation. Nickel coins of the same value will be withdrawn in the near future.—Havas.

The Rev. L. Tucker Leaves for Shanghai

Jail Sentence Void Unless He Returns to Japan

Kobe, Dec. 18.

After more than two months of detention for alleged distribution of undesirable literature in Kyoto, the Rev. Luther Tucker, American missionary, sailed today aboard the Taiyo Maru for Shanghai to join his family.

The Rev. Tucker, who was sentenced last Saturday to four months' imprisonment, with a year's stay of execution, was informed that the sentence would not be applicable unless he returns to Japan.

The Rev. Tucker was arrested at Kobe on October 12 as he was boarding a Shanghai-bound steamer. He was taken into custody on charges of "having distributed undesirable literature and circulating false rumours."

He was held for about ten days before the Japanese officials even announced that he had been detained.—United Press.

C.P.C. Captures Armed Robber

Quick work on the part of C.P.C. 693 of the S.M.P. resulted in the capture of an armed robber in Robison Road at 8 p.m. yesterday. Four men, one armed with a pistol, entered the house at 3194 Robison Road and attempted to rob the place. The occupants of the house raised the alarm whereupon the robbers fled. The constable who was on duty 60 yards away from the scene, responded to the alarm and arrived in time to capture the armed member of the gang and seize his pistol.

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4 months' sight credits	4 3/4d.
4 months' sight docts	4 3/4d.
6 months' sight credits	4 3/4d.
6 months' sight docts	4 3/4d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7 11/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$7 3/4
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$7 7/8

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S.$3.94 U.S.$1=60.914d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	4 19/32d.	U.S.	$7 11/32
Hongkong/London			1/3

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1040 .... C.N.$1,000

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	14½
Java Guilders	„	14⅛
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	14⅛
Java Guilders	„	14

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$1,290.323	£1=$50.860
Selling	U.S.$100=$1,333.33	£1=$52.602

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.45=$1 Belgas 23.50=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 1.49=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.33½=$1

Tourist Lire 1.64 .... $1

Hua Hsing Commercial Bank

Sterling	Selling Rate	@ 6d.	per	H.H.$ 1
„	Buying „	@ 6 1/32	„	H.H.$ 1
U.S.$	Selling „	@ 9 11/16	„	H.H.$100
„	Buying „	@ 10 7/16	„	H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate	@ 128	per H.H.$100
Buying „	@ 133	„ H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest		Lowest
£	4 19/32		4⅝
U.S. G.$	7¾		7⅝
Yen	—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING December		BUYING
£ T.T.	4 21/32	4 m/s. l.c.	4 13/16
G.$ T.T.	7⅝	4 m/s. l.c.	7¾
Fcs. T.T.	340	4 m/s.	355
Rs. T.T.	26⅛	15 d/s.	26½

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	—	—
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	—	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	63.10	—
Bombay offtake 100 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATE

New York closing rate for cash	3.94
Local sellers U.S.$ for cash	3.93½
Local buyers U.S.$ for cash	3.94

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 5/8 sterling and 7½ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers at 4 19/32 sterling and 7 11/32 U.S.$ with overboughts selling December, rates rose steadily throughout the day reaching the zenith at about 3.30 p.m. when business was done at 7¾ U.S.$ for December. These rates however found buyers, and the market closed a little easier with sellers at:—

4 11/16	sterling	7 11/16	U.S.$	Cash
4 11/16	„	7 11/16	„	Dec.
4 23/32	„	7 19/32	„	Jan.
4 21/32	„	7 15/32	„	Feb.

Yesterday's Rice Prices

Changshu, per shih (176 lb.)	$40.00
Sungkiang „	36.70
Saigon „	34.50

Chinese Banks to Report Damages

Ministry of Finance Asks Details of Losses Caused By Local Hostilities

Orders have been received by Chinese banks in Shanghai from the Ministry of Finance at Chungking requiring them to make detailed reports on damages suffered by them during the hostilities. The damages are divided into two classes namely, the direct and indirect ones including property and goods which are alleged to have been taken away by the Japanese military.

All factory or business buildings, the mortgages of which are jointly received by banks and which have been destroyed, must be reported. The banks are ordered to also report on the condition of those factory premises which, although little damaged, cannot be made use of by the Chinese because of Japanese occupation.

Mortgage Funds

The mortgage funds paid out by banks which cannot be collected must be reported. Prices of all goods stored in mortgaged godowns and factories must be mentioned together with losses sustained as a result of reduction of prices of these goods. The loss of credit loans must also be reported. Valuables stored in safety boxes which have been lost are to be mentioned in blanks supplied by the Ministry.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 18.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.175		.175	
Antamok	.15		.155	
Baguio Gold	.15		.15	
Batong Buhay	.011		.011	
Big Wedge	.215	S	.215	S
Coco Grove	.17		.17	
Consolidated Mines	.0025		.0025	S
Demonstration	.11	S	.11	S
East Mindanao	.105	S	.11	S
I. X. L.	.40		.40	
Ipo Gold	.13		.13	
Itogon	.27	S	.27	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.016		.015	
Masbate Consolidated	.105	S	.105	S
Mine Operations	.105	S	.105	S
North Camarines	.16	S	.16	S
Paracale Gumaus	.195	S	.195	S
San Mauricio	.81	S	.80	S
Surigao Consolidated	.155		.155	
Suyoc	.135		.135	
Syndicate Investment	.019		.019	
United Paracale	.32		.32	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0625		.0625	

S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 33,800 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 77.13.—Reuter.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Dec. 18.

Kogo 5% .... Y.105.60 —Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market throughout the day was extremely steady without any great change in prices. For the time being most interest is centred in rubber shares for which on any signs of easiness, buyers readily appear.

The Industrial market was firmer during the afternoon on the rumour of the possible re-opening of the lower part of the Yangtsze. On the whole, however, it was a dull day with the turnover comparatively light which may be accounted for by the fact that holidays are approaching.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low		Today's Averages	Change
227.17	105.32	General	208.06	+0.83
304.80	95.55	Rubbers	299.73	+4.59

Total 404,018 shares, 1,110 bonds.

Morning Session

Telephone 6% Debs.					50000	*94.50
	15000	94.50				
Power 5½% Debs.					20000	*86.00
China Realty 8% Tael Debs.					5000	84.25
	10000	84.50				
I. I. Trust			1500	10.60	1000	10.70
	1000	*10.70	1500	10.60	1000	10.70
	5500	10.60	1500	10.50	500	*10.50
	1000	*10.60	500	10.50	500	10.40
	500	*10.50	1000	10.50		
S'hai Loan			4000	13.50	500	13.60
	500	13.70	500	*13.70	2000	13.60
	500	*13.50	1500	13.50	500	*13.40
	500	13.50	3500	13.40	500	*13.40
Yangtsze Finance					3000	9.15
	1500	*9.15	1000	9.10	1000	9.05
	500	*9.00				
New Eng. (Ord)			200	20.00	200	20.25
	500	*20.00	300	20.25	1300	*20.25
	1800	20.00				
Wheelock			200	75.00	200	75.50
	100	*75.50	700	75.00	100	74.50
	100	74.00				
C. G. Omnibus					100	22.75
Telephone					1100	21.75
Tram (Bearer) £1					300	40.25
Metal			600	18.30	100	18.40
	1800	18.30	200	*18.30	100	18.20
	100	18.30	200	18.20	500	18.30
	900	18.20				
Lumber					100	36.00
Exploration			1000	9.15	500	9.20
	1000	*9.15				
Power (Pref)					70	128.25
Ewo Mills (Ord)			100	*26.10	500	26.20
	100	*26.20	200	26.30	4900	26.40
	300	*26.40	700	26.30	100	*26.30
	500	26.20	200	26.30	1200	26.20
	300	*26.20	100	26.20		
Alma			300	*39.25	100	39.25
Anglo Dutch			300	18.90	500	19.00
	1500	18.90	100	18.80	300	18.90
Anglo Java			2000	*37.75	1800	39.00
	300	*30.00	300	38.75	500	38.50
	200	*38.50				
Ayer Tawah					3500	*†6.55
S'hai Malay (Ord)					100	27.00
Batu Anam			1000	*1.42	3000	1.40
	2000	1.42				
Chemor			6000	2.70	1000	*2.70
	1000	2.67½				
Cheng			1000	*0.77	21000	0.77
	3000	0.76	6000	0.75	6000	0.76
Consolidated					1500	7.40
Dominion					1000	10.50
Java Consolidated					3000	5.00
Kota			2000	5.40	1000	*5.35
	1000	5.40				
Kroewoek			4000	3.20	3000	3.25
Langkat			500	28.00	500	*28.25
	1300	28.00	500	*28.00	1900	28.25
	100	*28.25	2300	28.00	300	*28.00
	400	27.75				
Padang					1000	2.77½
Permata					2000	1.50
Rubber Trust			500	8.05	1500	8.10
	2500	*8.15	3000	8.15	500	*8.10
	1000	8.10	1500	8.15		
Samagaga					1000	2.20
Semambu					2000	1.52
Senawang			11000	1.68	4000	1.70
	7000	*1.70	4000	1.68	7000	1.66
Kedah					1000	11.50
Kelantan			50000	0.78	6000	*0.78
	2000	0.77	3000	0.76	1000	0.77
	1000	0.76	5000	0.77		
Pahang					1000	*5.50
Sua Manggis					6000	2.30
Sungala					1000	7.80
Sungei Duri					500	60.00
Tanah Merah			1000	*3.45	3000	3.40
Tebong			1000	1.50	1000	*1.50
	3000	1.54	7000	1.52	5000	1.50
	1000	*1.52	7000	1.52	1000	1.50
	1000	1.52				
Ziangbe			1000	*28.25	200	28.00
	100	*28.00				

ODD LOTS

S'hai Loan	200	13.60
Cheng	700	0.74
Rubber Trust	186	8.05
Sungala	50	7.75
S'hai Loan	100	13.80
Tanah Merah	100	3.45
Java Consolidated	500	5.05
Anglo Dutch	33	18.90
Pahang	300	5.40
Kota	400	5.30
S'hai Land	300	*10.70
I. I. Trust	100	10.40
Senawang	500	1.44
Kedah	300	11.30
Tebong	680	1.54
Wheelock	15	*73.50

*—Direct Business.
†—Outport Business.

Afternoon Session

China Realty 8% Tael Debs.					9000	84.50
Power 5½% Debs.					1500	86.00
I. I. Trust					3500	10.40
S'hai Loan					2000	13.40
Yangtsze Finance					1500	9.05
S'hai Land			1500	*10.90	500	10.80
	500	*11.00	5000	11.00		
New Eng. (Ord)			1000	20.00	100	*20.00
	2900	19.90	200	*19.90		
Wheelock			100	74.00	300	*73.50
	100	*74.00	200	14.00		
Telephone			100	21.75	100	*21.75
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	*40.25
Metal			500	18.10	2000	18.20
	200	18.30	600	18.20		
Exploration			1500	9.10	1000	9.15
	500	*9.15				
Power (Pref)			10	128.50	40	128.25
Ewo Mills (Ord)			500	26.20	1800	26.10
	500	26.20	100	*26.20	100	*26.30
	900	26.30	500	26.40	600	*26.40
Anglo Dutch					700	18.90
Anglo Java					700	38.50
Ayer Tawah					500	6.75
Batu Anam			2000	1.44	1000	1.42
Chemor			1000	*2.70	1000	*2.67½
	2000	2.70	1000	*2.70		
Cheng			5000	0.76	1000	0.77
	1000	0.76	1000	*0.75	1000	0.75
Consolidated					1000	*7.45
Kota					2000	5.35
Kroewoek					1000	3.15
Langkat					100	*27.75
Padang			2000	2.75	7000	2.80
Permata					9000	1.50
Repah					1000	1.23
Rubber Trust					500	8.10
Semambu					3000	1.52
Senawang					5000	1.66
Kedah					1000	11.50
Kelantan			3000	*0.77	2000	0.77
Sua Manggis					1000	2.40
Sungala					500	7.80
Sungei Duri					100	59.50
Tanah Merah					1000	3.40

ODD LOTS

China Realty 8% Tael Debs.			500	84.00
Sungei Duri			50	*60.00
Senawang			200	*1.48
S'hai Land	100	11.10	100	*10.80
	400	11.10		
Int. Assurance			267	9.30
Sungei Duri			50	60.00
Batu Anam			50	*1.42
Anglo Dutch			33	*18.90
Anglo Java			76	*38.50
Bute			100	*8.60
Kota			400	*5.35
Kaiping			8	*43.25

*—Direct Business.

Provisional Rubber Assessments

Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., have just been advised of the following provisional standard production assessments for the undernoted companies:—

	lb.	Increase
Alma Estates, Ltd.	695,800	Nil.
Chemor United Rubber Co., Ltd.	778,000	2,000
Repah Rubber & Tapioca Estates, Ltd.	629,000	800

Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd., announce that the provisional assessment of standard Production for 1940 have been assessed as follows:—

	lb.
Consolidated Rubber Estates (1914) Ltd.	1,349,700
Padang Rubber Co., Ltd.	443,800
S'hai Pahang Rubber Estates, Ltd.	626,300
Kota Bahroe Rubber Estates (1921) Ltd.	856,100

S'hai November Foreign Trade

Imports Total $25,320,425, Exports $92,558,578 Noted From the Customs Returns

A grand total of $25,320,425 for foreign imports from abroad during November, 1939, swelling the January-November figure to $546,875,940, as against $234,679,548 for the same period in 1938, is noted from the returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs for Shanghai. Exports totalled $92,558,578 for November and $508,803,398 for January-November, compared with $194,395,124 in 1938.

NET IMPORTS
Including Bond Withdrawals

	Nov. 1939 C.S.$	Jan.-Nov. 1939 C.S.$
Cotton P. G. grey	30,102	1,339,070
Piece white or dyed	73,798	2,527,309
Piece printed	4,709	295,158
Piece miscellaneous	47,006	696,636
Cotton raw, yarn	6,763,716	145,910,393
Cotton manu, sundry	22,630	806,318
Flax, ramie, hemp	1,120,214	6,458,980
Wool and manu.	907,120	16,077,285
Silk	500,463	12,080,689
Metals and ores	1,753,397	33,933,523
Macinery and tools	514,989	19,509,941
Vehicles and vessels	399,053	8,927,437
Metal manu.	754,773	13,523,633
Fishery products	670,996	3,149,403
Canned goods	322,190	5,047,324
Cereals and flour	88,088	37,209,379
Fruits, seeds	569,681	7,297,816
Medicinal goods	440,989	3,445,443
Sugar	550,248	9,874,893
Wines, beer	82,084	1,975,849
Tobacco	1,302,477	30,910,958
Pharmaceuticals	923,511	27,070,605
Dyes, varnishes	688,650	22,274,036
Candles, resins, etc.	1,482,630	43,583,710
Books, maps, paper	1,180,533	23,507,411
Hides, leather, etc.	391,139	4,003,927
Timber	917,555	10,624,435
Bamboo, straw, etc.	262,550	3,917,112
Coal, fuel, tar	1,358,797	23,691,364
Chinaware, etc.	59,849	1,782,330
Stone, earth	120,914	1,986,036
Sundry	1,015,594	21,386,752
Grand Total	25,320,425	546,875,940

NET EXPORTS

Animal products	14,815,885	93,253,155
Hides, leather	303,746	11,595,509
Fish products	122,937	991,802
Beans and peas	825,625	5,667,356
Cereals	1,882,307	21,165,972
Dyestuffs, vegetables	24,860	387,687
Fruits, preserves	555,468	1,238,682
Medicinals	693,167	4,747,263
Oils, tallow, wax	1,905,627	5,926,437
Seeds	749,376	2,110,575
Spirituous beverages	138,283	1,092,764
Sugar	4	911
Tea	1,894,205	10,722,121
Tobacco	544,590	4,008,469
Vegetables	199,233	1,785,089
Vegetable products	778,549	5,812,757
Bamboo	44,422	287,672
Fuel	219,141	1,284,556
Rattan	6,939	47,907
Timber	483,590	2,332,871
Paper	902,603	2,247,610
Textile fibres	30,381,807	136,130,743
Yarn, thread	10,150,302	61,573,661
Piece goods	8,458,681	48,452,654
Other textiles	3,680,309	17,808,414
Ores, metals	2,917,719	16,776,675
Glass, glassware	839,519	3,680,358
Stone, earth	1,111,708	4,941,885
Chemicals	2,435,791	8,513,542
Printed matter	387,504	2,597,308
Sundry	4,604,672	31,618,645
Grand Total	92,558,578	508,803,393

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES: VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER BY COUNTRIES

	Nov. Gold G.U.	Nov. Silver $	Jan.-Nov. Gold G.U.	Jan.-Nov. Silver $
Im. from				
Great Britain			336	
Japan				824
Total Imports			336	824

VALUE OF MERCHANDISE

	Nov., 1939 G.U.	$
Gross Imports	9,581,169	
Less Re-exp. abroad	227,484	
Net Imports	9,353,685	25,320,425
Gross Exports		92,771,520
Less Reimports from Abroad		212,942
Net Exports		92,558,578
Total Net Imports and Exports		117,879,003
Excess of Imports Exports		67,238,153

January-November

	G.U.	$	G.U.	$
Gross Imp.	104,378,935		226,216,814	
Less Re-exp. abroad	2,285,594		2,871,996	
Net Imp.	102,093,341	234,679,548	223,344,818	546,875,940
Gross Exp		195,089,324		511,219,731
Less Reimp. from Abroad		694,200		2,416,333
Net Exp.		194,395,124		508,803,398
Total Net Imp. and Exp.		429,074,672		1,055,679,338
Excess of Imp. Exp.		40,284,424		38,072,542

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Nov. 30.

Throughout most of the week the market has been dull and inactive. The London market shows an advance over the week, but New York being already above the parity of other markets has failed to respond. There has been no outstanding feature and in the absence of any keen buying interest, and a corresponding disinclination on the part of holders to liquidate, little business has passed. Locally, the market is quiet and easier, latest quotations being as follows:—

Spot: 39 cents, down 1 cent.
London: 11⅝d., up ⅛d.
New York: 19⅞ U.S.A. cents, down ¼ U.S.A. cent.

The following are Malayan Statistics for October, 1939, (in tons):—

	Oct. 1939	Sept. 1939	Oct. 1938
Malayan Stocks	71,662	76,237	89,630
Production of Estates of 100 acres and over	23,487	21,189	18,448
Production (estimated) of Estates under 100 acres	18,796	13,989	9,648

At the Auctions yesterday demand was good for all grades. Of 587 tons catalogued, 563 tons were offered and 421 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

Ribbed Smoked Sheet

	In S'port per lb.
Standard Quality	39¼—39⅝
Good Average Quality	38 —39⅛
Fair Average Quality	36⅝—37⅛
Off Quality	35½—36⅛
Sheet Cuttings	35⅝—36½
Crepe	
Fine Quality Pale	42½ one lot in cases
Standard and slightly inferior	40 (41¾ in cases)
Off Colour Latex	37 —37⅛
Light Brown and Brown (clean)	36⅜—36⅝
Milling Grades	
Cupwashings and Skimmings	36⅛—36¼
Tree Scrap	31¼—32⅝
Brown and Dark Crepe	*33⅛—36¼
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber)	No Sales
Virgin Lump	29½—31½

German Minorities Policy

Plan to Acquire Foreign Exchange; Trust to Take Over Properties; Estonian Agreement

THE full details of the economic and financial clauses of the agreement, concluded on October 15, for the repatriation of Germans from Estonia, published for the first time below, give an idea of the essentially financial object of the new German policy of repatriating German minorities. Instead of using these minorities as pretexts for aggression against the countries of their residence, the Nazi Government is now seeking to seize their wealth for the purpose of accumulating a huge supply of foreign exchange assets for the war requirements of the Reich. At the same time, the pooling of their wealth under official German control is calculated to increase German influence in the countries concerned.

The importance of the Estonian agreement lies in the possibility that it may serve as a model for German agreements with other countries, says the political correspondent of "The Financial News." The total assets of Germans in the Baltic States, Denmark, Italy, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Hungary are estimated at about £1,000,000,000. The arrangement involves undoubted economic and financial disadvantages for the countries concerned, in return for dubious political advantages.

Translation

The following is a translation of the economic and financial clauses of the Protocol providing for the resettlement of German minorities in Estonia:—

Article I deals with release from Estonian citizenship.

Article II provides (1) that all Germans returning to Germany may take with them their household goods or export these within three months after their departure. Household goods which are not exported within this period must be handed over to the Customs, which will later export them in accordance with the present regulations.

Art collections or historical documents may be taken out or exported only with the permission of the Estonian Ministry of Education. The application for permission shall be made within three months.

Motor cycles or motor vehicles cannot be removed or exported without the permission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. In cases where a permit is not granted the Estonian Government shall take over the vehicle within thirty days and dispose of it at a reasonable price.

Personal Documents

The removal or export to Germany of personal documents, if these are of no historical value, is permitted without restrictions.

2. Each person leaving the country is permitted to take up to EKr.50 in cash. The Bank of Germany acquires the Estonian currency handed over by the re-settlers and places it to a special account of the Bank of Estonia.

Money which is not taken to Germany and bank deposits shall be paid into the account opened by the German Legation and will subsequently be handed over to a German Trust Administration, which is to be created later. From these accounts transfers shall be made into the German Clearing Office's newly opened special account at the Bank of Estonia. The technical details will be subject to a separate agreement between the Bank of Estonia and the German Clearing Office.

Handing Over Mortgages

3. Securities and mortgages at present in Estonia shall, for the time being, be placed on deposit with the account of the German Legation at the Bank of Estonia and will be handed over by the German Legation to the German Trust Administration as soon as the latter is founded.

Titles to ownership which do not allow for the direct transfer of the property, such as extracts from Registers of real property, can be taken by persons leaving for Germany or sent there later.

4. The investment or disposal of the funds mentioned in Clause 2 and of securities lying in deposit (Clause 3) is to be regulated according to instructions which shall be fixed in agreement with the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs.

5. A resettler who has passed his fourteenth year shall be permitted to take with him among his personal valuables—precious metals and stones to the value of Ekr.500. Family heirlooms, such as silver and silverware, may be taken to Germany subject to the permission of the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs or may be exported later.

6. Artisans may take their tools and small quantities of materials necessary for their work. Medical instruments and installations cannot be taken without the permission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Trust Administration

7. The Estonian Government will see that the service and lease agreements, the fulfilment of which has become impossible in view of the resettling, shall be arranged in such a way that compensation will be paid within the limits of actual losses.

Under Art. III. the German Government will (1) form at the German Consulate in Tallinn a "German Trust Administration" which will have legal powers to administer all the property left behind registered in accordance with this article and designated to be transferred. It will liquidate as quickly as possible and settle the debts and liabilities left behind by the resettler in accordance with clause 2 of the agreement.

Every resettler shall be obliged to complete a statement in respect of this property and sign a declaration on form No. 3, which is to be sent to the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs within two weeks after his departure. All property not mentioned in the declaration is not subject to transference within the meaning of this Protocol.

Responsibility for Debts

2. The German Trust Administration is not entitled to any extra-territorial privileges and is subject as regards its activities to the Estonian law in every respect. The Administration is collectively responsible for all State, municipal and private debts and liabilities of the resettler. The collective responsibility does not comprise claims which have been cancelled or rejected by the law courts prior to the resettling. Individual responsibility in respect of such claims remains unaffected. The date of departure shall be deemed as the actual date of resettling within the meaning of these regulations. The last domicile in Estonia of a resettler shall be considered as the domicile for this person in all questions concerning civil law.

The Estonian Government shall see that the German Trust Arministration in discharging its tasks will be accorded the necessary legal status in compliance with the Estonian law.

The Estonian Government shall have the right to appoint a trustee to the German Trust Administration who will be entitled to acquint himself without hindrance with the conduct of the affairs of the Administration, and to have the right to refer claims to which he refuses his consent to an Estonian-German Arbitration Commission, which is to be constituted. The structure, organization and duties of this Commission shall be regulated by a further agreement.

3. It has been agreed that the German Trust Administration in administering and liquidating the property under its care shall pay due regard to Estonian economic interests. The Estonian Government shall endeavour to assist in the normal realisation of the property.

Control of Big Estates

4. The administration of the big landed estates left behind in Estonian shall be taken over until their liquidation by the Ministry of Agriculture. The expenses in connection with the administration, current income and losses shall be placed to the account of the estates under administration.

It has been agreed that the liquidation and realisation of the agricultural property by the German Trust Administration shall be effected in agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article IV provides that the final arrangement of the transfer of the property situated in Estonia will be determined by a subsequent agreement, especially as regards securities, deposited in the name of the German Legation or the Trust Administration. The transfer of property shall take place in such a manner that the Estonian balance of payments and economic life will not suffer.

British Overseas Investments

Survey Shows that Despite Decline in 1938 Total Over 3 Milliards

London, Dec. 17.

In view of the importance of overseas investments as a source of strength to the Allies in their struggle with Nazi Germany, a publication in the current number of the quarterly "Economic Journal" of the results of Sir Robert Kindersley's investigations into British overseas investments in 1938 has aroused great interest.

Sir Robert Kindersley, an economic expert of note, has been conducting these investigations over the past 11 years, and his conclusions are recognized as authoritative, and accepted by economists and statisticians as a basis for other statistical studies.

According to his calculation for 1938, there was a net repatriation of capital amounting to £10,000,000, while the nominal value of foreign securities held by British owners declined by £61,000,000.

Nevertheless, the total of British overseas investments remained at the impressive figure of £3,692,000,000.—Wireless Through Reuter.

Rubber Companies Forward Sales

Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., announce that the undernoted companies have sold forward 25 per cent. of their outputs of rubber during April/June 1940, at 37 Straits Dollar cents per pound, unpacked. This is equivalent to nearly 38 cents per pound, if packed in cases.

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Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd., advise that the under-mentioned companies have sold forward approximately one-third of the exportable quota for April/June 1940 at 36½ Straits cents per lb. unpacked.

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Padang Rubber Co., Ltd.
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Producer-Gas Unit For Motors

Expected Shortly to Go Into Production; Govt. Research Secrecy

A producer-gas unit for motor vehicles, the result of Government-sponsored research, is expected "shortly" to go into production. The body engaged on this piece of research is the British Coal Utilization Research Association, which is supported jointly by the coalowners and by the Government through the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Its researches have for the most part fructified, and a "model" producer unit is understood to have resulted. All that remains to be done is for the research body, and the Government, to satisfy themselves about the fuel, states the "Financial News."

It is understood that the patents of the unit will be vested in a holding company associated closely with the British C.U.R.A., and that this holding company will grant manufacturing licences to those qualified manufacturers who wish to take the thing up.

The secrecy with which these developments have been, and still are, surrounded, is very difficult to understand, particularly as the business world has been increasingly critical of the Government's apparent inaction. Weeks pass. Nothing is, apparently, done, and no clear statement of policy is made. Answers to questions in Parliament have tended only to increase the obscurity.

Manufacturing Ignored

Much of the impatience has, of course, been due to the official attitude towards producer gas plant. This is so obviously the war-time substitute for petroleum in heavy vehicles that most continental nations have been encouraging its development for years. In this country not only was it actually discouraged by penal regulations in peacetime, but the many well-known and reputable manufacturers who have been developing producer gas traction for a long time have been almost completely ignored since the war broke out.

No one could understand why, instead of going ahead with what could be rapidly put to use in an emergency, the Government was apparently attempting to develop, through its own technical departments, some sort of "ideal" or fully perfected producer-gas unit which might eventually emerge with the official stamp of approval.

Traction Experiments

Silence has also surrounded the activities of various road vehicle operators who are well known to have been actively developing alternative propulsion fuels for some time. Several omnibus companies and corporations have been conducting promising experiments with producer gas and with compressed town gas. All information about present activities, i.e., since the war opened, is, however, denied to enquirers, who are informed that as the experiments are now under Government auspices, nothing can be said.

Road operators who are losing money as a result of petrol rationing, manufacturers of commercial vehicles whose patient experiments and development work are being ignored in this crisis, and the public which is queueing up in the rain for the bus which is always crowded—all are, naturally, impatient. The general view seems to be that if the Government has something good up its sleeve, then the sooner it took the public into its confidence the better.

Meanwhile, it is emphasized in interested business circles that there is a war on. Manufacturers state that they would be satisfied with that modicum of encouragement to which they always felt they were entitled in peacetime. Given that, they would be prepared to take the risk—not considered very grave—of having to compete eventually with the Government-sponsored masterpiece.

A.E.C., one of the leading commercial vehicle producers which has been investigating producer gas equipment for years, points out that the Ministry of Transport's interest in the use of alternative fuels has so far been limited to the bare announcement that "no objections" will be raised to the operation of passenger vehicles drawing trailer-mounted equipment. Goods vehicles of six or eight wheels (maximum overall length) are not allowed by law to use a trailer.

Silver Quotations

London, Dec. 18.

Conditions in the London silver market today were quietly steady, with quotations being fixed as follows:

	Dec. 15	Dec. 18
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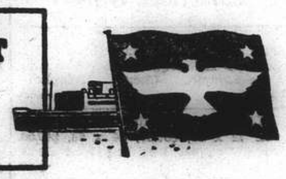

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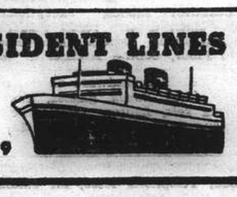

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The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From MANILA: President Cleveland, with mail, due 7.30 a.m., Buoys 12-13. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 8.45 a.m.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON
Torrens 8/12 20/1

From GENOA
C. B'camano 23/11 20/12

From TRIESTE
Cortellazzo 28/10 24/12
Fusijama 21/11 10/1
C. Verde 21/12 17/1

From BOMBAY
Cortelazzo 24/11 24/12

From SINGAPORE
Boissevain 16/12 23/12
Cortelazzo 6/12 24/12

From SOERABAYA
Tjitjalengka 8/12 25/12

From MANILA
Tjitajalengka 17/12 25/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Vigrid 10/10 25/12
M. Maersk 10/11 26/12
L. Maersk 25/11 10/1
A. Maersk 9/12 24/1

From LOS ANGELES
M. Maersk 1/12 26/12
P. Coolidge 11/12 2/1
L. Maersk 16/12 10/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
P. Coolidge 17/12 2/1

From KOBE
Taiyo M. 18/12 20/12

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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL
Hakone Maru 28/12
Kasima Maru 5/1

For GENOA
C. B'camano 22/12
C. Verde 21/1

For OSLO
Tai Ping 22/12

For CAPETOWN
Boissevain 25/12

For BOMBAY
Kaisyo Maru 20/12

For CALCUTTA
Delagoa Maru 23/12

For JAVA
Tjibadak 21/12
Tjitjalengka 28/12

For MANILA
P. Coolidge 3/1

For NEW YORK
Talisman 19/12
G. Maersk 1/1
Nagara Maru 8/1
H. Maersk 15/1

For San FRANCISCO
P. Cleveland 20/12
P. Pierce 1/1
P. Coolidge 16/1
P. Taft 29/1

For YOKOHAMA
Hakozaki Maru 30/12

For KOBE
Taiyo Maru 23/12
Taiyo Maru 2/1

For NAGASAKI
Nagasaki Maru 19/12
Shanghai Maru 22/12
Nagasaki Maru 24/12
Shanghai Maru 27/1

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Tsingtao Maru 20/12
Dairen Maru 23/12
Hoten Maru 26/12
Tsingtao Maru 29/12

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

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TAI PING Dec. 22. ADEN, PORTSAID, OSLO, GOTHENBURG and COPENHAGEN via JAPAN and STRAITS.—Motorship Tai Ping of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai for the abovementioned ports on or about December 22. For freight or passage please apply to the agents Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 22-12

Vessels Discharging

ANTILOCHUS. From Liverpool arrived on Dec. 16, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 25, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, December 20, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 19-12

TILAWA. The British-India S. N. Co.'s s.s. Tilawa, from Calcutta and Ports.—This steamer is berthing at Nos. 14-15 Buoys and her cargo will be discharged at the Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Hongkew Wharf on Friday, December 22, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 19-12

BENLEDI. From LONDON.—Cargo ex this vessel arrived from Hongkong per "Antilochus" on December 16, and has been discharged at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Free storage period expires on December 25, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 21-12

MARON. From Liverpool arrived on Dec. 18, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on Dec. 27, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, December 21, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 21-12

KOREA. The Motorship Korea, from Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Genoa and via Ports.—The vessel discharged her cargo to the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for delivery Orders and to take immediate delivery of their goods. All claims against the ship must be sent in within seven days after completion of ship's discharge or they will not be recognized. Examination of ship's damaged and broken cargo by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will take place at the above wharf on Thursday, the 21st instant, at 9 a.m. All risk of fire at the wharf and in the godowns to be borne by the consignees. Agency of the East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 19-12

Post Office Notices

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge, Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, December 19.		Reg.	Ord.
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Foochow via Sankiangkow		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		*23.00	3.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		13.30	14.00
Japan Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	A	17.00	19.00
Central America and Canal Zone	BXZ	—	—
Indo-China (Z) via Haiphong	C	—	—
Hongkong and Haiphong		19.30	20.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, December 20.			
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai	X	8.30	9.00
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Hongkong		19.30	20.00
Chefoo and Tientsin		19.30	20.00
Amoy and Hongkong		19.30	20.00
Foochow and Swatow via Amoy		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, December 21.			
Amoy Hongkong and Java Ports	D	8.30	9.00
Foochow and Swatow via Amoy		8.30	9.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	X	9.30	10.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Honolulu and U.S.A., closes at 16.00 on 19th.
B Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 19th.
C Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 19th.
D Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 20th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on December 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on January 3.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Dec. 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on January 2.
Air France per steamer on December 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m. Mails for America may be sent to-day by air mail to Japan for connection with a steamer leaving Yokohama on December 22.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00, at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.
Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west to Hongkong for the Hongkong-Chungking plane.
Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tatung, Kalgan Shanhaikwan, Tsingtao, Tunghsan, Shihkiachwang, Changte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan and Yuncheng by the planes of the Chung Hua Air Transport Co, daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia are despatched on every Tuesday and Friday per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Dec. 19, due L'don Jan. 22.
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 22, due L'don Jan. 20.
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 25, due L'don Jan. 27.

Weather, Time and Tide

Tuesday, December 19, 1939 (9th day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI Dec. 17 10.00	Dec. 17 21.00	Dec. 18 4.00	Dec. 18 9.00
Barometer inches	30.42	30.50	30.51	30.57
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.08	+0.09	+0.09	+0.10
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	0.00	+0.03	+0.09	+0.07
Wind (direction)	NE	NNE	N/W	NW/N
,, (miles per hour)	12.4	3.1	5.0	5.6
Temperature (Fahr.)	50.9°	39.9°	38.1°	41.5°
Humidity %	63	82	80	69
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	3	0	0	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 17	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.45	+0.09	30.31
Temp. Min. 34.°5 Max. 59.°4	46.°9	—1.°7	41.°7
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	—	44.03

Time and Tide	19/12	20/12	21/12	22/12	23/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.47	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.49
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.54	16.55	16.55	16.56	16.56
Moon rises at Shanghai	11.57	12.30	13.05	13.42	14.24
Moon sets at Shanghai	—	0.32	1.25	2.20	3.17
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.00	17.38	6.27	7.17	7.58
Ebb, makes Shai. 6 to 18	9.20	10.48	12.09	13.10	13.54
H.W. Wsung Bar 6 to 18	5.55	6.55	8.35	9.25	10.00
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	6.18	6.85	7.20	7.40	7.98

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Kaiping, from Chinwangtao: Mr. & Mrs. Lee, Miss Kersey, Miss Sellards, Mrs. Robertoon, Mr. W. Ankerson, Capt. Russell, Pte. Clemens.

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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
H. Kiangnan	T'senkong	Foo Hwa
Milazzo	Wenchow	V. Chieri
Tamahime M.	Japan	Fukuhara S.
Patti	Sanhokong	V. Chieri
Tjibadak	Amoy	J.C.J.L.
Taityu M.	Dairen	T.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Etizen M.	Tsingtao	T.K.K.
Nagasaki M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Hwaping	T'lungkong	Hwa Chung
Livatho	Tientsin	Union S.S.
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Remo	Sungman	V. Chieri
Com. Paolini	Ningpo	I.C.R.N.
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Chingning M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
E. Carlotto	Ital.	—
Tikugo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Gert. Maersk	Dan.	Maersk L.
Yosida M.	Jap.	Y.K.K.
Huashan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Taiko M. 18.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tamesis	Nor.	Dodwell

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	C.N.C.B. 1/2
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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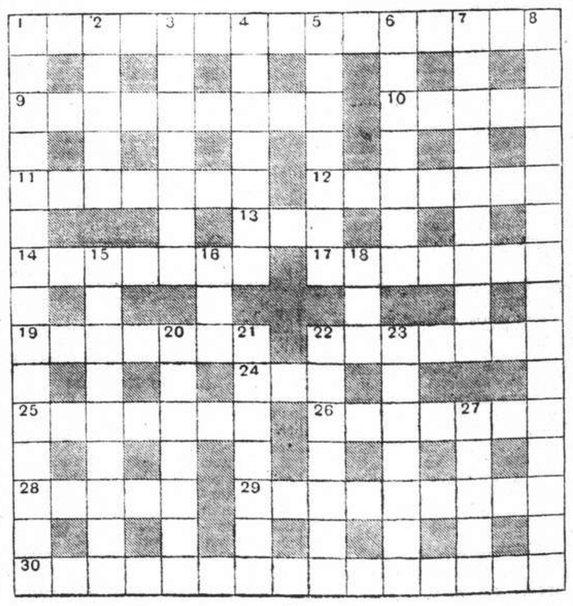

ACROSS

1 Frank description of an honest football player
9 Inveterate
10 A French wine
11 What in rivers makes an eel skip?
12 Ancestry not necessarily of great antiquity
13 This thing generally gives trouble in the nursery
14 Where Hamlet told Ophelia to go
17 The skill with which a batsman makes leg hits
19 Epithet for decks or floors
22 A foreign lady finishes this wine
24 She was in the V.A.D.s
25 Not in favour
26 "Cold tea" (anag.)
28 Vex as in 13 across
29 Musical instrument
30 Well known combination of colours (four words)

DOWN

1 "Clasp kite-string" (anag.)
2 Popular name for cinemas nowadays
3 Conceive
4 Does one find birds' eggs in this plant?
5 What in the orchestra does the bad sailor not like seeing appear?
6 Kind of literature or language
7 Is this northern port really perfect?
8 Wait on someone's pleasure or take part in the ball at a stated time (two words)
15 Part of Africa
16 This contains the germs of life
18 A constellation
20 Masculine name (N.B. Knoweth thou it?)
21 This from anything is depreciate it
22 Part of the Straits Settlements which many people have taken in hand
23 A beastly dog in the grain; shut safely in perhaps
27 Always part of any last will and testament

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 8, Black-out; 9, Hurrah; 10, Torrid; 11, Unsteady; 12, Strike; 13, Chestnut; 15, Soho; 17, Fitness; 19, Unlucky; 22, Lore; 24, Revision; 27, Gadfly; 29, Discover; 30, Throne; 31, Flames; 32, Suvla Day. DOWN: 1, All out; 2, Scorpion; 3, Boldness; 4, Staunch; 5, Chaste; 6, Ardent; 7, Hard luck; 14, Hour; 16, Oslo; 18, Icefield; 20, Negative; 21, Under way; 23, On trust; 25, Income; 26, Invest; 28, Landau.

Ulster's Noble Response

Young Men Eager to Serve; Food Exports To Great Britain

Northern Ireland is making a substantial contribution to Britain's war efforts notwithstanding the fact that the province is not included in the Military Service Act, states "The Times." Since the outbreak of war voluntary recruiting has been proceeding rapidly and an additional recruiting station has been opened in Belfast. There are also recruiting stations in Omagh, Londonderry, Enniskillen, and Portadown. So great has been the rush of recruits for the Navy, Army, and Air Force that the staffs have had to work long hours to complete the enrolments, and at times the recruiting stations have been temporarily closed to enable them to keep pace with the work.

Three anti-aircraft brigades have been raised in Northern Ireland, with searchlight companies, and the third is now being completed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick, a member of the Northern Ireland Parliament. The North Irish Horse has been revived as light tank corps, under the command of Sir Ronald Ross, M.P., with Lord Enniskillen as second-in-command. About 70 non-commissioned officers are undergoing intensive training before the regular recruiting for the unit opens early next month in the counties of Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Armagh.

The 102nd Anti-Aircraft Brigade, which is under the command of the Clerk of the Northern Parliament, Lieutenant-Colonel Chichester, is recruiting men between the ages of 29 and 50 for home defence. Several of the Northern Ireland regular regiments have already gone to France, and the Belfast Division of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve has supplied many men for naval duty.

Prime Minister's Lead

Lord Craigavon, the Prime Minister, has given an inspiring lead to recruiting and other war efforts, including A.R.P., the increase of tillage in Northern Ireland, and industrial organization for war purposes. Speaking in the Northern Ireland Parliament, Lord Craigavon said that "day by day, and almost hour by hour, gallant young men were going out to serve their country," and added that the enthusiasm of the young men reminded him of the old spirit of the Ulster Division in the last War.

The shipbuilding, aircraft factory, linen, engineering, and other industries in Belfast and Northern Ireland, are being mobilized for war purposes, and several of the leading industries are working in three shifts covering the entire day.

Notwithstanding its large industrial undertakings, Ulster is mainly agricultural and will play an important part in "pooling" the food reserves of the United Kingdom during the war. Northern Ireland has a surplus of some agricultural products, but food supplies are to be strictly rationed, exactly as they will be in the rest of the United Kingdom. One of the aims of Ulster is to see that every ounce of food not required in the rations of its own people shall be sent to Great Britain. The importance of this plan in the national arrangements may be judged from a glance at the amount of normal food trade which the province does annually with the rest of the United Kingdom. In 1938 the value of fat cattle sent to Great Britain was £944,929, representing 57,696 head, while no fewer than 160,634 store cattle to the value of £1,887,549 and 16,844 milch cows were also sent over. The sheep trade is also considerable and has increased rapidly in the last year or two—85,038 fat sheep and 78,514 lambs crossed the Irish Sea to Great Britain in 1938.

Ploughing For Victory

As a result of the expansion of Ulster's own bacon industry and the erection of additional curing factories in various parts of the province under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Ulster is more and more using up its own supplies of live pigs; nevertheless, in 1938 the number of live pigs sent to Great Britain was 103,323 (for which £546,385 was paid), against only 47,286 (representing £214,755) two years before. The total value of Ulster's livestock exports to Great Britain in 1938 was £4,077,808, while that of exports direct to places outside the United Kingdom was only £91,580.

On the food and drink side Ulster's greatest export item is that of bacon, the quantity sent out of the province in 1938 (most of it to Great Britain) being 429,898cwt., to the value of £2,034,526 (a 30 per cent. increase over 1935), and hams 149,650cwt., to the value of £1,006,595. Poulry and pork also form no small part of the supplies sent to Great Britain. Ulster is also a large exporter of eggs to the English market.

The Northern Ireland Minister of Agriculture, Sir Basil Brooke, has adopted as the motto of his Department in the present emergency, "Plough for Victory," and the Ulster farmers are enthusiastically responding to the appeal of the Minister to put under cultivation at least an additional 250,000 acres. Arrangements have been made for rapidly developing the use of motor-tractors for ploughing, and a large number of men and women are being specially trained to operate them.

SMALL slender Dr. Nora Acheson, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, in oilskins and sou'wester, went out with the local lifeboat when it was reported that some of the crew of the 2,500 ton Hull steamer Geraldus had been seen clinging to wreckage. Usually her husband, with whom she is in practice, goes with the boat but he was out on a case. It is the first time that a woman has gone out with a British lifeboat on a service call. After five hours' buffeting by driving rain and wind, she stepped ashore laughing "Oh, well, it's all in the day's work. Sick? No, thanks, I loved it." "Ah, she's a good plucked 'un" said George Chatten, coxswain of the boat. We hesitated a bit when she volunteered because it's no game for ladies. But she took it all right. It called for pluck—particularly nowadays when we never know whether we are going to be mined ourselves. It was dark when the lifeboat got back and Dr. Nora found her husband waiting for her. She went home to supervise her 11 year old daughter's tea. Then she went on her round. The Geraldus was mined. All 25 of the crew were picked up by a warship.

New War Weapons and New Methods

Guns and Machine Guns; Speed and High Precision

From a forward observation post looking out over country similar to that to be seen from our front line during the Great War, I have been able to witness something of the work of our Gunner officers who are here learning the fine points of their important business, writes the Military Correspondent of "The Observer."

Medium artillery—60 pdr. guns and 6-inch howitzers—were seeking out concealed batteries. The enemy had hidden himself so well that he could not be seen from the air. But flash-spotters and sound-rangers were at work and, according to the "narrative" of the exercise the enemy gun positions were accurately pin-pricked on a large-scale grid map.

Hills were between most of our positions and the targets, so that howitzers were in use, but a 60 pdr. battery was able to use its high velocity, low-angle fire with considerable effect. The speed with which our guns come into action, the precision with which they pick up their targets, and the high accuracy of the fire, are impressive. Best results are obtained when the observing officer can see his shells burst and control the fire by means of wireless or land-line telephony.

"Prediction"

But direct observation is not always possible, and then the guns are shot either by air observation or by "prediction." The prediction method has been highly developed, and considerable accuracy is now possible when shooting is done on a map "grid number"

Though they were not being used, the new 25 pdr. gun-howitzers were on view. These new weapons have a remarkable range and a very high rate of fire. They can be fired at a rate which corresponds to the normal rapid-fire delivery of the rifle.

Not far from this great artillery range machine gunners are being turned out by the hundred as instructors for our new armies. They have a great deal to learn in a short time, for they also have new weapons and new methods.

Though the machine-gun is an infantry arm, many artillery methods come into use in its employment. Overhead and predicted fire are important, and the auxiliary aiming mark is much scientific job, and the teaching of instructors covers everything from sighting and hiding the gun to the effect of wind on the bullets and the alteration of range to be expected from the always-changing weight and temperature of the air.

Russian Supplies of Grain Inadequate

Harvest Not As High As Was Expected

Experts well acquainted with the state of Russian agriculture express doubts whether Russia is in a position to supply Germany with the grain and fodder which the Germans now boast that they are about to receive, states "The Manchester Guardian." Soviet papers say that the harvest this year was only about 30 per cent. higher than last year, and that in only seven districts. In twenty-five districts of Russia, state "Pravda" and "Izvestia," the harvest was satisfactory, but at the same time "Pravda" speaks about a "critical situation" on the collective farms.

Correspondents of "Pravda" report from Central Russia that threshing is going very badly on the collective farms. Up to now, the paper states, only about 80 per cent. of the harvest has been threshed on the collective farms. Most of the cultivated land in Russia is, of course, under the collective system. The paper added a note urging that it was necessary to hurry on with the threshing before winter comes.

"Slower and Slower"

Russian papers also complain that the peasants on the collective farms are becoming slower and slower. Most of these peasants, writes "Pravda," devote their time to the cultivation of their own small holdings rather than to work on the collective farms. It is obvious that Russia needs all she can produce. Any export of Russian corn will be, it is believed, a "hunger export," and is unlikely to be carried on for long without serious disturbance in Russian agriculture and a shortage of food.

Optimistic figures in the Russian papers should not be given an exaggerated value. It is customary in Russia to foster optimism among the public before the anniversary celebrations, which are soon to be held in Moscow.

London Taxi Drivers Hard Hit

Petrol Rationing Brings Loss of Revenue

London taxi drivers are hard hit by A.R.P. and the petrol rationing scheme, says the "News Chronicle" Hundreds are out of work and many of these are unable to obtain other employment.

"Ration books are being issued to cabs for 60 gallons of petrol a month," an official of the London Motor-cab Drivers' Trade Union stated.

"That is roughly two gallons a day for each cab. "In London a cab travels about 17 miles per gallon, so that this would give a mileage of 34 miles or so. A taxi-driver reckons that about 40 per cent. of the distance he drives is spent in cruising.

"That means that if he is lucky he drives fares for about 20 miles and earns 15s. of which he receives 33 3/3 per cent. or 5s.

Commandeered

"More than 3,000-cabs have been commandeered for the A.F.S., and many more have been taken by local borough surveyors. "In many cases the cabs have been taken without the drivers. There are about 5,000 cabs left in London with 10,000 drivers to drive them.

"It would have been fairer to give petrol ration books to each driver, instead of for each cab. "The authorities will not accept men of over 52 as A.F.S. or ambulance drivers. Many of our men are over 52, and they know London better than any others. They are able to do a harder day's work at the wheel than many younger men."

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CAPABLE, ambitious, industrious and smart Chinese, 30, desires position from January 1, as assistant general manager at factory or works or as assistant sales manager of any reliable concern. Excellent references. Salary expected, $200. Please address Box 5242, NCDN. -9856

CHINESE, age 32, just returned from outports, with best knowledge of English and years' experience in Chinese markets, seeks position as salesman, market assistant or similar capacity. 1A references. Address Box 5189, NCDN. -9711

Personal

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